

Janis Joplin



Born Jan. 19, 1943*

Two film versions of the bisexual rock legend's brief and stormy life are in the works. In one, lesbian rock icon Melissa Etheridge will star in a script penned by her partner, Julie Cypher.

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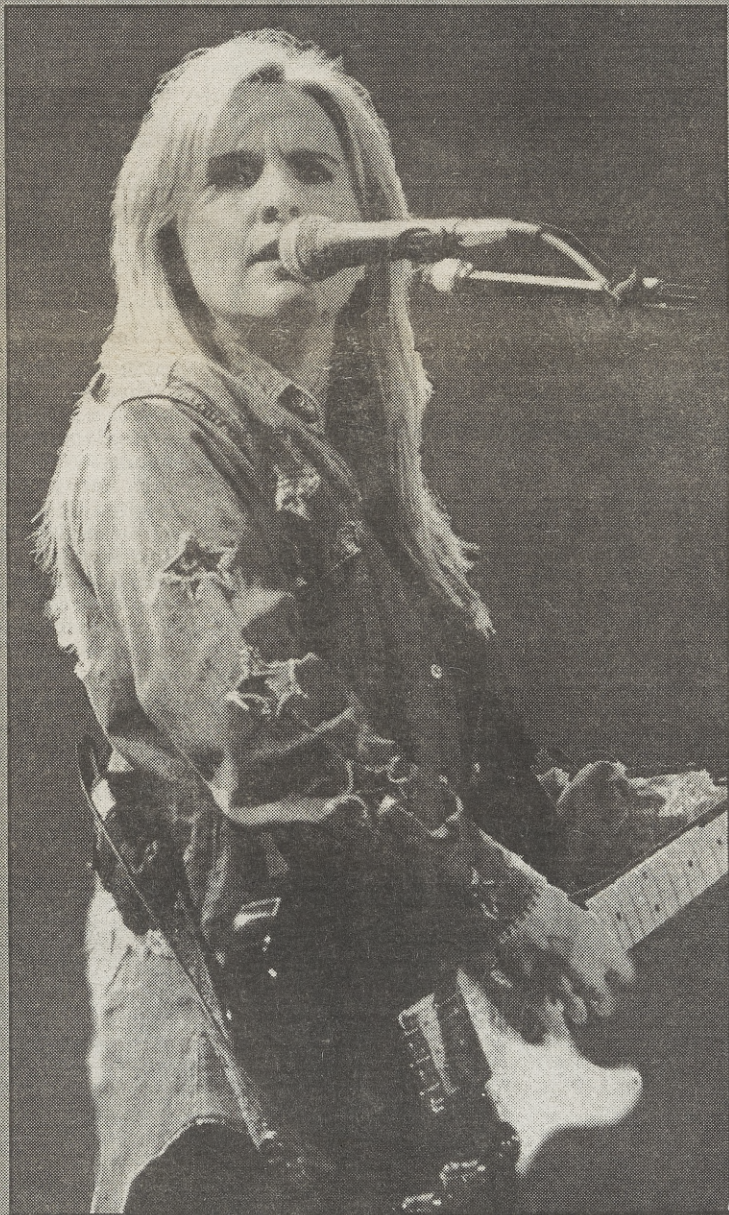
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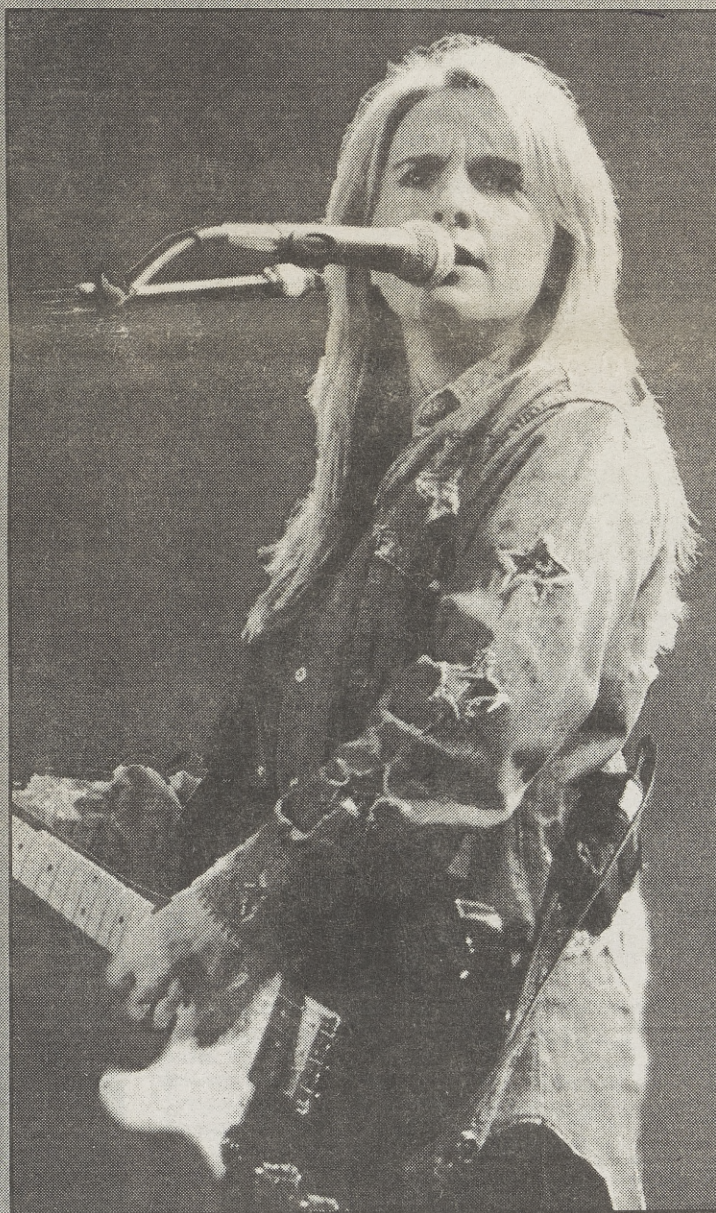
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Fred Hess helped deliver holiday cheer to people living with AIDS. See John Batchelor's "Flash" column on page 10.

What Do They Know About This Love Anyway?



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Melissa Etheridge Asked the Musical Question that All Gay and Lesbian Sacramentans Could Relate to in her Year-Ending Concert. See page 15.

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Dear Editor,

Thanks for the copies of two articles about Lambda Letters that you published in MGW. I really appreciate all the support that you provide to the project. Hope you enjoyed the holidays.

Love,
Boyce Hinman
The Lambda Letters Project

Gay Opponents Threaten Constitutional Values

The following was sent to the Sacramento Bee.

Dear Editor,

"If I knew for certain," Henry David Thoreau wrote in *Walden*, "that a man was coming to my house with the conscious design of doing me good, I should run for my life." In Thoreau's mind absolute values and authority could be discovered within one's self and he insisted his reader's "be careful to find out and pursue his own way."

What it means in practice is we stop making laws (the Defense of Marriage Act and other anti-gay legislation) that prevent freedom of choice, the right of each individual to make free choices and the right to let others make theirs. Our ancestors came to this country for this experience and we celebrate their experience every Independence Day.

Lou Sheldon of Traditional Family Values tells us same-sex marriages "threaten society's bedrock values"[and] that such marriages are a "continuing breakdown on what is morally right." Finally, he warns us "the are those people who are not religious, but very moral who are going to be upset about having this (same-sex marriages) shoved down their throat."

I sympathize with Sheldon's feeling, if only because in a small way I have had the experience that produces it. While doing my taxes I realized a lot of what I've earned went to support things I consider objectionable or "morally wrong," giving huge tax breaks to large corporations while middle-class wage earners continue to pay, pay, pay.

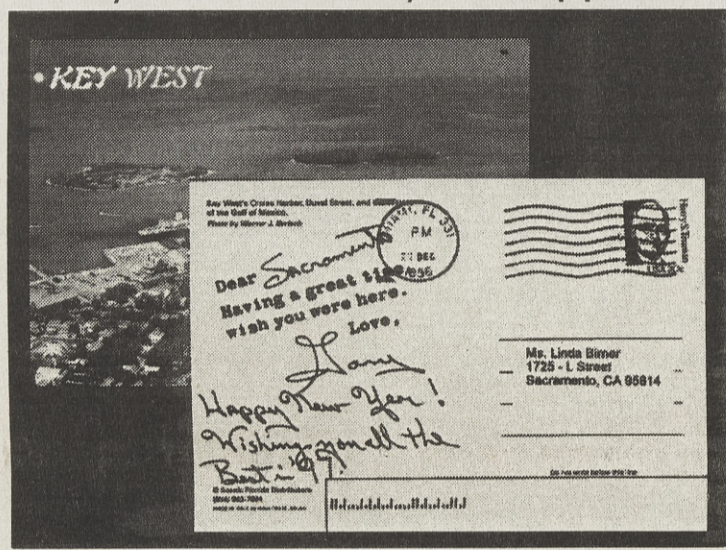
Sympathy is not worth much. Far more important is Mr. Sheldon's use of the phrase "Morally right," and his allusion to this society's

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"bedrock values."

Morally right. To whom? To the Catholics? The Jews? The Buddhists? The Protestants? Or perhaps the Agnostics or to the Atheists? All are part of this society and all hold somewhat differing views on a variety of moral issues.

Society's values. I'm assuming Mr. Sheldon is talking about the usual ones; honesty, tolerance, integrity, compassion....the right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, equal rights for all, and to freedom of choice.

It would seem by the harsh

tone of Mr. Sheldon's comments regarding same-sex marriages, it might be a good idea for all of this county's "freethinkers" with "free will," who want to exercise their "free choice" in this "free society" to take Thoreau's advice and run like hell.

Especially lesbians and gays who want nothing more or less than that which their heterosexual sisters and brothers consider their rights under the Constitution of the United States of America.

Sincerely,
Judith Fox

Drummer Fund Brings Holidays to Hospice

An Open Letter to Sacramento :

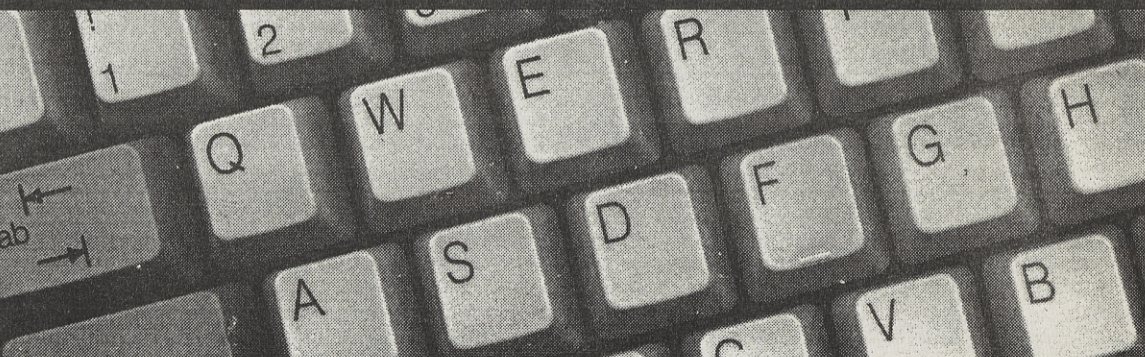
On Christmas Eve, 1996, the Sacramento Drummer Fund, along with other private contributors hosted a very successful and heartwarming evening at Avalon House AIDS Hospice.

The evening started for the ambulatory residents with a guided tour of Christmas lights in the Sacramento area. While the tour was taking place (courtesy of Suburban Ford and their kind donation of a passenger van) a group of kind-hearted and good people arrived at the Hospice. With much excitement and anticipation, a surprise party was created complete with an entire Christmas Dinner and presents for all residents of Avalon.

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Help Preserve Medicaid for Americans Living with AIDS

The following "Action Alert" was issued Jan. 10 by the Human Rights Campaign:

More than half a million cases of AIDS have been diagnosed in the United States and over 300,000 men, women and children in communities across this country have died from this disease. AIDS is now the leading cause of death among Americans age 25-44.

Medicaid is the single largest source of health insurance for people living with AIDS, providing access to physician visits, hospitalization, prescription drugs, home health care and long-term care. Currently, about 50 percent of adult Americans living with AIDS—and 90 percent of children with the disease—receive their medical coverage through the Medicaid program.

As the epidemic continues to spread in lower-income communities, Medicaid will be an even more essential lifeline of support for Americans living with HIV and AIDS. The need to maintain the historic federal-state partnership on Medicaid has never been greater.

To balance the budget, the administration and Congress may propose implementing a per-capita cap for Medicaid. Such a cap wouldn't change who is eligible for Medicaid, but it would limit the amount

of money the government spends annually on each Medicaid recipient. This amount is likely to be lower than the average cost of care per Medicaid beneficiary living with HIV and AIDS.

We must call on the president and Congress to reject such proposals. For 30 years, Medicaid has provided health care to those who could otherwise not afford it. And remember, Medicaid cuts are cuts in medical care for men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS.

Act now and urge the president and Congress to preserve Medicaid. We must not balance the budget on the backs of the most vulnerable in our society—people with disabilities, including AIDS; poor women and children; and low-income seniors.

Contact the president either by calling (202) 456-1414, writing to him at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20500, or via e-mail at: president@whitehouse.gov.

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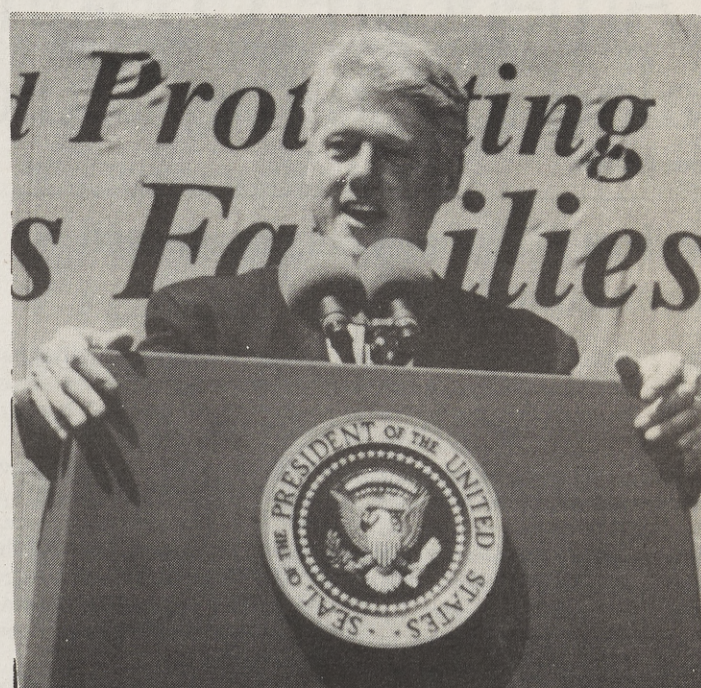
formed and then connected. You can also send electronic messages to Congress through the Human Rights Campaign's Website at: <http://www.hrcusa.org>.

Write to Congress through the U.S. mail as well. Include your name and address, and send your politely worded letter to:

The Honorable _____, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510; or The Honorable _____, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

[Editor's note: California's two senators are: Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D). Sacramento area members of Congress are: Rep. John T. Doolittle (R-Citrus Heights), Rep. Vic Fazio (D-Woodland), Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento), and Rep. Richard W. Pombo (R-Tracy).]

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization with members throughout the country. It lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that lesbian and gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, work and in the community. To join, call (800) 777-4723.



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Among g/l/b voters, 66 percent said they cast their ballots for President Clinton. According to Election Day exit polls taken by Voter News Service, 5 percent of voters identified themselves as gay, lesbian or bisexual—an increase from approximately 3 percent four years ago.

Gays Celebrate Inaugural

The gay and lesbian community will celebrate the re-election of President Clinton at an inaugural ball Jan. 20 that is expected to attract more than 1,500 supporters of gay equal rights. The gala event will feature dancing, live entertainment and a buffet. It is hosted by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the Human Rights

Campaign and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. President and Mrs. Clinton have been invited to stop by, as have Vice President and Mrs. Gore. The event is on Monday, Jan. 20, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington D.C.

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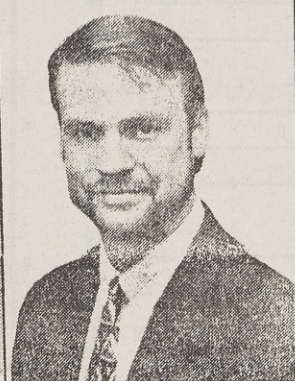
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"American" Cooking: Caesar Salad to Creme Brulee

by John Boubion
MGW/Staff

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What in the world is American cooking? I found out recently when visiting one of Sacramento's newest restaurants, Bandera, across the street from my favorite wine shop, David Berkeley. Bandera

is an enigma from the outside: it's difficult to tell what kind of dinner house it is. But, as soon as I entered the front doors, accompanied by my newest gastronomic cohort, Jim Rhodes, I felt instantly at ease.

Soft, cozy lamps dot the bar in the heart of this wonderful new addition to Sacramento's dining scene. Oversized, comfortable booths line

the walls. An open, yet unobtrusive kitchen bespeaks an honest approach to customers. This restaurant was on my good side from the start. Most impressive was a huge, wood roasting rotisserie, sending showers of sparks up through a row of tender chickens.

Jim and I were soon joined by our server, who was considerate

enough to assist us with an introduction to the menu. We decided to begin by sharing the Caesar Salad with Challah bread croutons. The croutons were out of this world, but I took issue with the community salad plate. After all, it being my first time out with Mr. Rhodes, I didn't know whether I might get gingivitis, or what! Fortunately, all I contracted from Jim's mouth was good conversation.

Before I continue, I can't wait to say the food at Bandera's is delicious! It's also competitively priced (phew!). I ordered the lamb special with Swiss chard and white beans, and Jim opted for Bandera's signature

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dish, the wood fired, spit roasted chicken (only \$8.95, with a choice of mashed potatoes, cole slaw, or vegetable). They were both superb, although our waiter's timing between the salad plate and the entrees was unfashionably off. Simply put, there was no "in between"; we were far from finishing the salad when the entrees arrived! As Jim sagely put it, "we weren't there to eat, but to dine." You'd think the server's first clue would have been the 1986 bottle of Fetzer Barrel Select Cabernet

that Jim fetched from his cellar for the occasion. But, then, I got the distinct impression our waiter was a beer drinker; he didn't express any interest in the wine.

We ended up sending the entrees back, and I cringed when our server indicated that the chef would have no difficulty re-heating our food. I made clear, diplomatically, my concerns that re-heated foods tend to lose that restaurant-fresh,

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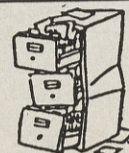
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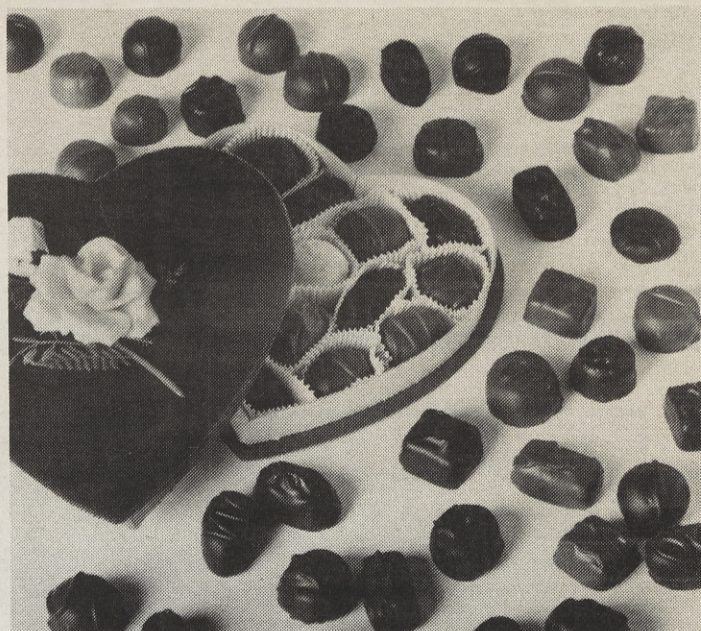


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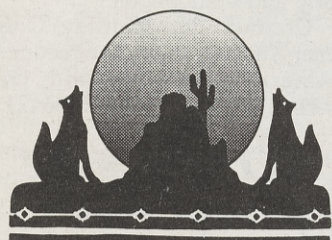
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straight-from-the-source quality. My server insisted that my sliced lamb would not be overdone, but that the chard and beans would be replaced. I convivially remarked, "If you think you can do it, I'll be happy to enjoy it."

nilla extract. Even at \$5.95, it was well worth it.

While the service was a bit lacking at Bandera's, I'm obligated to put it in perspective: they've been open only a month. The food is excellent, and our meal, including a cocktail each, came to \$47 (without

BANDERA

AMERICAN COOKING

He was right, so I enjoyed. In fact, the lamb tasted even better (I secretly wondered if they used a warming trick I learned long ago in the kitchen: to dip the meat briefly in hot au jus)! Jim enjoyed his chicken equally well, with a mound of mash potatoes so high he didn't finish. Neither did I, and I was hard put to hoard my gourmet leftovers from my colleagues at school the next day!

In the end, I was full when those fateful words came: "We have creme brulee." I didn't even hear the rest of the dessert list! Sold! It arrived in the biggest portion I have ever witnessed. Creamy, and delectable, they use vanilla bean, not va-

tip). They have a full bar (excluding blended drinks), and a short but carefully chosen wine list. I'm still not certain what American cuisine is, but I don't care: There is no question, I will go back soon!▼

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"If you really want to hurt your parents and you don't have nerve enough to be homosexual, the least you can do is go into the arts." - Kurt Vonnegut

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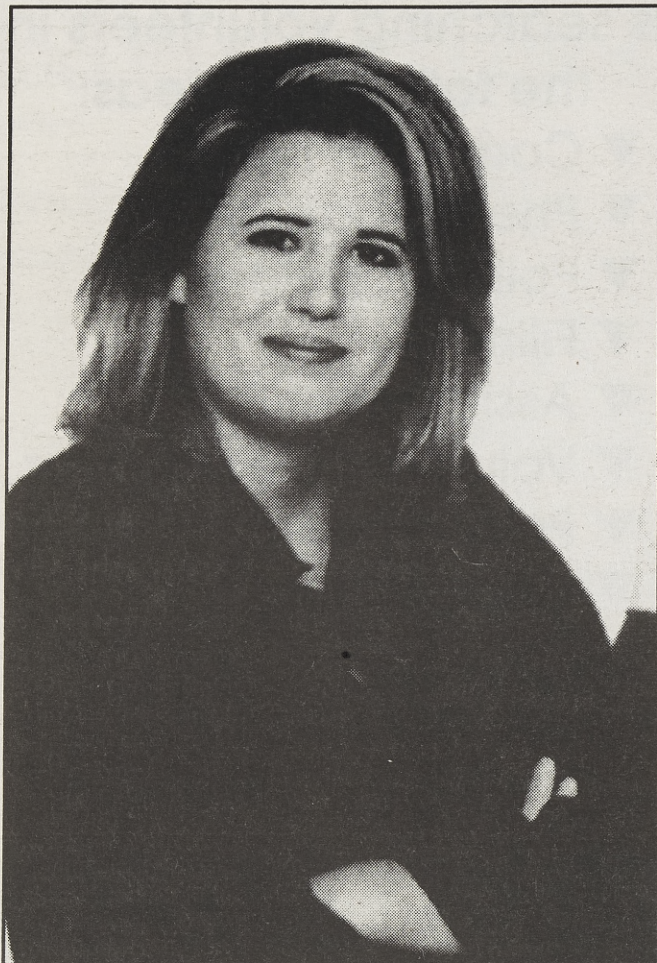
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African-American Gay Community Makes Kwanzaa Its Own

A page-two story on Kwanzaa in the Dec. 27 *San Francisco Examiner* focuses attention on the fifth annual Kwanzaa celebration organized by Lesbians & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action (LGADDA).

Calling for Unity, the first of seven social principles celebrated during Kwanzaa, LGADDA Chair Ron Hypolite said the event was an effort to bridge the gap between straight and gay people in the black community. "I wanted people to see we are whole, complete people," Hypolite said, referring to a chasm created three years ago when a local African-American reverend denounced homosexuality as an "abomination against God." Hypolite took heart in the attendance of clergy members at LGADDA's event, including the

pastor of the largest African-American church in San Francisco.

By presenting a prominent article on this particular Kwanzaa celebration, the *Examiner* has helped to highlight that there is room for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members of the African-American community.

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In the Life with the Washington Post

The Dec. 22 edition of the *Washington Post* featured an article entitled "In the Life Struggles for Respect," which highlighted the growing success and struggles of the highly respected program about gay and lesbian issues and culture. "For five years, *In the Life* has struggled to keep a foothold on PBS station schedules across the country. Some, like WETA [in Washington, D.C.], carried the show about gay and lesbian issues and culture from the beginning, but tucked it into late-night time slots" the article begins. "The program has persisted, despite a sometimes-hostile political environment, and has even, in the case of WETA, received a better time slot." The article mentions some of the financial hardships and budgetary constraints on the show, as well as the program's being targeted by anti-gay politicians as a reason to attack public broadcasting funding. Finally, it ends by noting the importance of the show to its estimated 1.5 million viewers nationwide. "Except for a few characters on broadcast series, and a flurry of interest over whether Ellen DeGeneres' character will come out in *Ellen*, (*In the Life*) is one of the few to provide viewing about gays and lesbians to people in smaller towns and cities."

Contact: Leonard Downie, Editor-in-Chief, *The Washington Post*, 1150 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20071, e-mail: webnews@washpost.com

Here in Sacramento, KVIE-TV 6 has aired *In the Life* at 12 midnight. If you would like to see our local PBS station show *In the Life* in a better time slot, call (916) 929-5843. ▼

Lesbian and Gay Parenting Catches Up with the Times

Following an excellent article on the cultural and legal challenges of being a lesbian or gay parent, the Dec. 26 *Los Angeles Times* aired both sides of the gay parenting issue via duelling pro-con essays. Susan Carpenter McMillan, television commentator and spokesperson for the apparently conservative Woman's Coalition, claims that though she knows, loves and respects her lesbian cousin and cousin's partner of 15 years, the possibility of this or any gay couple legally adopting a child "is not only harmful to the child but also to society." She attributes this to lesbian and gay "selfishness." Robert Dawidoff, co-author of *Created Equal: Why Gay Rights Matter to America*, counters her "selfishness" argument with his observation that many lesbians and gays have "suppressed our own lives in order to be devoted parents, uncles and aunts, siblings and children."

Regardless of the Times position of gay parenting, they have allowed for dissenting opinions which speak for themselves. McMillan illogically bases her anti-gay parenting stance on the biological necessity of "two-sex ingredients essential in parenting." Dawidoff points out many children are raised successfully without the presence of both biological parents and "the proof of family values is how the family treats its own."

Contact: Shelby Coffey, Editor-in-Chief, *Los Angeles Times*, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053, fax: (213) 327-4712, email: letters@latimes.com ▼

American Greetings' Card Chooses "Poor" Punch Line

Carlton Cards, a division of American Greetings, defames gay and bisexual men in a recent birthday card. The cover of the card features an unhappy birthday boy and carries the message: "BIRTHDAY WARNING....Never try to save money by reusing candles that have already been wished on....or you might get someone else's wish. Take poor Norman here...." The

inside caption reads "....He lost 25 pounds, got skinny thighs, has no facial hair, and gets asked out by cute guys all the time! Happy Birthday."

This supposedly humorous card warns us that "poor" sad Norman should be unhappy with his second-hand birthday wish. Playing on the banal supposition that poor Norman received something undesirable like getting "asked out by cute guys" in unfunny and homophobic.

Contact: Sue Holiday, Consumer Affairs, American Greetings, 1 American Rd Cleveland, OH 44144 or fax her at (216) 252-6493.

HBO Drops the Ball on Cross-Dressing Hoover Movie

According to *Variety*, HBO has temporarily halted production of a movie portraying the late FBI director J. Edgar Hoover as a cross-dresser who had an affair with his right-hand man Clyde Tolson. Unable to resolve the issues brought out in Anthony Summers book "Official and Confidential: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover," the basis for HBO movie, HBO sources say the production has been moved "from the front to the middle burner," though the network officially declined to comment. Summers maintains that he has a "library full of documents and 800 taped interviews" to substantiate his assertions regarding Hoover's sexuality.

Please encourage HBO to develop and produce this story. **Contact:** Jeff Bewkes, President and CEO, HBO, 1100 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, fax (212) 512-5517; WWW Feedback form: <http://www.hbo.com/cmp/feedback.html> ▼

Hail to the Chiefs

In the current Warners Brothers Movie *My Fellow Americans*, lesbian and gay men play a vital role in saving the lives of two former presidents. James Garner and Jack Lemmon portray the two former leaders, as they are forced to go on the run after the cover-up of a scandal involving the current president (Dan Akroyd), which leads to attempts to assassinate the two. At one point, Lemmon and Garner duck into what turns out to be a West Virginia gay pride parade to escape the bad guys. When one of the participants (who is in a marching band entirely made up of drag versions of Dorothy from the *Wizard of Oz*) befriends them, he arranges for a group of Dykes on Bikes to take them to safety. At the end of the ride, a lesbian gives Lemmon a freedom ring necklace, and Lemmon notes that after spending time with the lesbians, he has rethought the issue of gays in the military and thinks that "the military could probably use several of these women". Later in the film, the Marching Dorothy heroically returns.

Contact: Robert A. Daly, Chairman and Co-CEO, and Terry Semel, Chairman and Co-CEO, Warner Brothers, 4000 Warner Boulevard, Burbank, California 91522. ▼

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POINT OF VIEW

1996: A Year of Great Hope and Progress

by Elizabeth Birch
MGW/ Guest writer

In a few years when we have all some true perspective, gay and lesbian Americans will look back on 1996 as a turning point for our movement for two critical reasons. First, 1996 was the year that gay marriage hit the national consciousness — for better or for worse (although I would argue ultimately for better). The other watershed was the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the Colorado Amendment 2 case, an opinion that tantalizingly hints at how this court will deal with other gay and lesbian civil rights questions.

Religious and political extremist organizations shoved gay marriage in America's collective face in their quest for a new fund-raising tool that they hoped would have the added bonus of torpedoing Bill Clinton's re-election. Their scheme was clever and dexterous, as their shills methodically introduced anti-gay marriage bills in statehouses across the country in a build-up to the mother of them all, the Orwellian and unconstitutional Defense of Marriage Act.

In the short run their strategy was both a success and a failure. A total of 16 states and the U.S. congress passed anti-gay marriage laws. (The Governors of Alabama and Mississippi pettishly issued executive orders after their state legislatures refused to pass such spiteful bills.) I can only presume that this issue proved to be a cash cow for such hate groups as the Christian Coalition, the Family Research Council and the Traditional Values Coalition.

But 19 states that considered such bills did not enact them. President Clinton disarmed the gay marriage missile fired at him by announcing that he would sign the federal legislation.

By plucking the question of gay marriage out of the Hawaiian universe and depositing it in the living rooms of Americans everywhere, religious political extremists have, I believe, helped advance our cause in the long run. Rather than pouring into the streets to stop the terrifying gay marriage juggernaut, people are pausing to think about the question, most for the first time. And as more and more grasp for valid logical reasons to deny gay people legal marriage, more and more are having to admit there are no valid, logical reasons. There are emotional and historical and, perhaps, religious rationales for barring same-sex marriage; but this is not a theocracy — Pat Robertson, are you listening? — and our legal system and our Constitution were created to protect the interests of the minority from the tyranny of the majority.

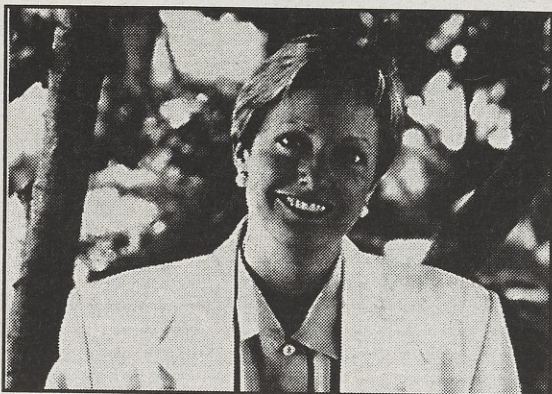
The other result of this anti-gay marriage campaign has been to evoke a new empathy from reasonable people who have suddenly thought about and now understand how unfair it is to deny committed gay couples the same privileges and responsibilities enjoyed and endured by married couples. Opinion leaders like William Safire and Ann Landers agree that gay spouses should be entitled virtually everything heterosexual spouses can claim, but they stumble on the word "marriage." In the meantime, DOMA defenders (like sponsor Rep. Bob Barr, R-ga.) sound increasingly absurd as they rail that gays, by seeking this most conservative of institutions, are somehow threatening civilization's very foundation.

The other seminal event of 1996 was the Supreme Court's ruling in May in the case of Romer vs. Evans. This eloquent decision embodied a quantum leap in juridical thinking, particularly when held up against Bowers vs. Hardwick, the last ruling that had such broad implications for gay Americans. The latter decision, handed down in 1986 by a far more liberal court, found nothing unconstitutional about sodomy laws that solely targeted gays.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, a Reagan appointee, opened the Romer opinion with a quote from the dissent to the infamously wrong-headed Plessy vs. Ferguson decision, which legalized the "separate but equal" system for black Americans. He could not have been clearer when he wrote that there is nothing "special" about laws protecting gay people from discrimination — thereby tearing down the hateful crimes that what we seek is not basic equality. And he proclaimed almost poetically that no state has the authority to make one class of people a "stranger to its laws". This is a strong signal that a majority of this court is ready to listen to cases relating to the treatment of gay people in society and judge them on their legal merits alone.

This was not a unanimous decision, however. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote one of his typically scathing dissents — and was joined by Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justice Clarence Thomas — arguing that it is perfectly proper and constitutional for society to deplore and legislate against gays, just as our system discriminates against convicted felons. But they gave voice to a kind of irrational prejudice against gays that is becoming less common and less acceptable in our society. While it is unfortunate that three members of the court harbor such illogical malice, it's heartening — and a social barometer — that the other six do not.

Finally, those who know how invested I am in passing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act might be wondering why I didn't mention the Senate's near-passage of ENDA among the chief reasons why 1996 will go down in gay history as a signal year for our community. That's because I fully expect ENDA to pass before the end of the century. And once that has happened, the fact that 1996 saw the first vote on the bill in one congressional chamber will only be a footnote to the larger victory of enacting the first civil rights law covering gay and lesbian Americans. ▼



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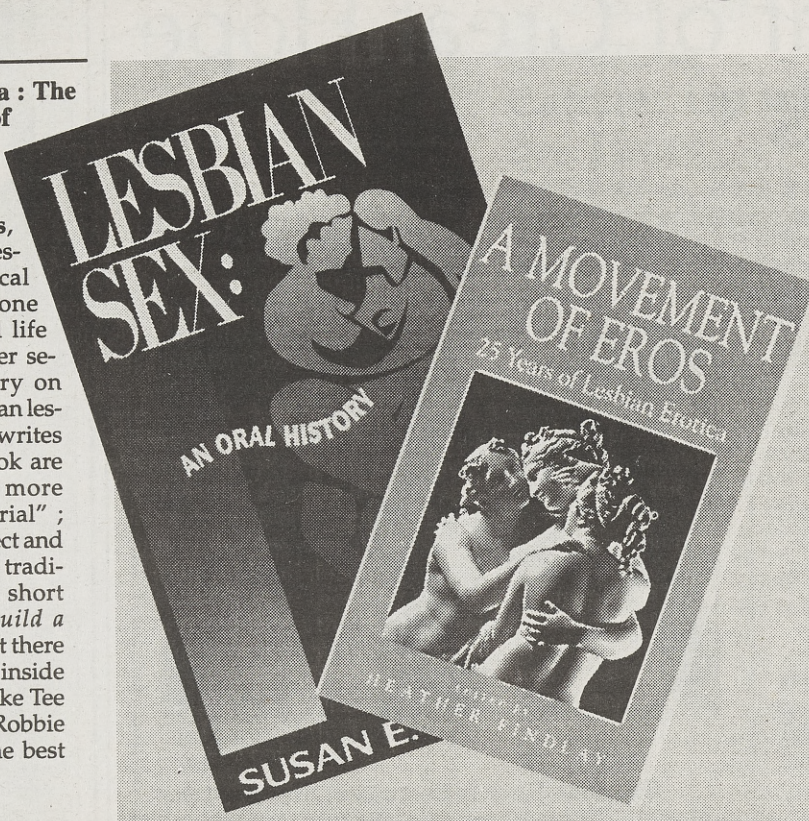
Reviewed by Jennifer L. Selig
MGW Staff

Lesbian Sex: An Oral History, by Susan Johnson. Florida: The Naiad Press, Inc. 1996, \$14.95 paperback. **A Movement of Eros: 25 Years of Lesbian Erotica**, edited by Heather Findlay. New York: Richard Kasak Books, 1996 \$12.95 paperback.

Somehow calling a book on lesbian sex "an oral history" seems like a bad pun, but we can forgive sociologist Susan Johnson for her lack of originality. In her book, touted as "the first contemporary oral history devoted exclusively to lesbian sexuality", Johnson interviews fourteen lesbians from all walks of life, asking them detailed questions about what sex means to them, and more down and dirty, what they mean to do with their partners. I'd recommend buying it for a cheap thrill, or to stimulate conversation between you and your partner; but if you've got friends like mine who won't shut up about sex, you'll find it redundant at best.

For those of you who a little more snobby about your erotica,

in **A Movement of Eros**, Heather Findlay places lesbian erotica into historical context, with chapters one pre- and post-Stonewall life and more emphasis in her selections and commentary on lesbian feminism rather than lesbian sexuality. Findlay writes that the works in her book are "intended to be much more than great jerk-off material"; they are "designed to reflect and construct a sensibility, a tradition, a community -- in short they are meant to help build a culture." Sounds cold, but there are enough hot selections inside by classic erotic writers like Tee Cirinne, Pat Califia, and Robbie Sommers to warm up the best of Findlay's intentions.



This package is not tied up

reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle
MGW /Staff

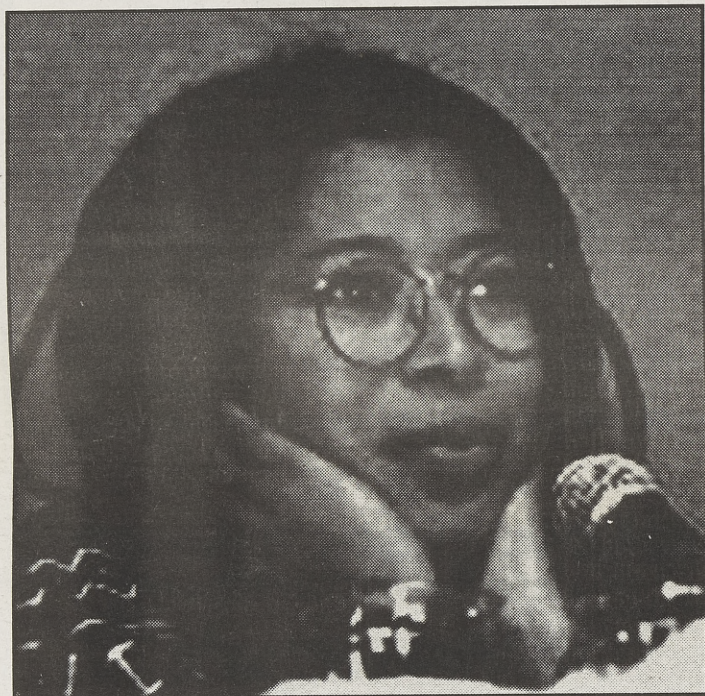
Second Guess, Rose Beecham, Naiad Press, P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, Florida, 1994, 202 pages, \$9.95 paperback.

Second (see a trend in titles? Sue Grafton had better fear Ms. Beecham) in the Amanda Valentine, Detective Inspector (soon-to-be a) series. Set in New Zealand, DI Valentine has the less than pleasurable task of investigating a murder set in the S & M rooms of an exclusive lesbian night club.

It doesn't help the investigation that every lesbian marks her as one of their own and makes appropriate suggestions as to how she can better investigate their alibis or that the last affair of her life is the newscaster that wants to break the case before Amanda, Valentine has a tough one.

The secrets that the murdered heiress death reveals stuns the proper family, the kept lover and the Wellington community.

Beecham (the pseudonym Jennifer Fulton has selected for the Amanda Valentine mysteries) is a clean cut novelist, spare in excessive dialogue, description and development. You are not expected to make leaps in deductive reasoning, you just don't have the loose ends neatly tied up for you. Perhaps, she is saving those for the next novel.▼



Alice Walker at UC Davis

At 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Alice Walker (The Color Purple) will be speaking at UC Davis as part of the "Distinguished Speaker Series." Info: 752-1915.

Hard, cruel world

Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle
MGW/Staff

Southbound, Sheila Ortiz Taylor, Naiad Press, 1990 (re-released 1991 and 1993), 226 pages \$8.95

Remember *Faultline*? Remember Arden Benbow, the six kids, the black 200 pound ballet dancer/babysitter Topaz and the 300 rabbits? Remember the '70s? It's all back in the hilarious re-release of *Southbound*.

This is pure fun with a significant amount of angst thrown in for color.

You can't help but love this family and all the misadventures of Arden's release from the comfortable confines of professional student-ism into the hard cruel world of job seeking. The added adventures of the ex-husband and his 24 year fiancée, the ardent pursuit of Arden's lover Alice by another 24 year

old complete this romp through the mysteries of growing up at 38.

Taylor is an author that I will go back to in times of harsh reality. The demands of being an adult seem minuscule compared to her characters existence. I recommend it highly for those days little makes any sense.

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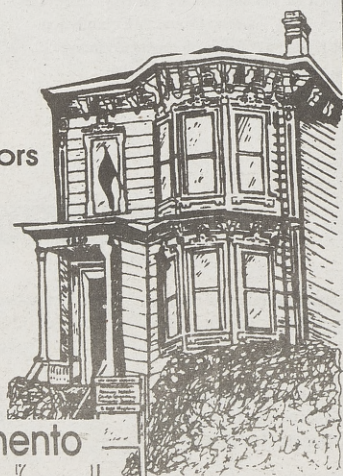
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Sundance Film Fest Ain't So Butch

by Jerry Semas
MGW/Staff

The Sundance Film Festival, Jan. 16 - 26, in Park City Utah will feature the world premiere of *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, director Joe Mantell's film version of Terrence McNally's Broadway hit. I had high hopes for this project since it stars the original Broadway cast with the exception of *Seinfeld*'s Jason Alexander who has the Nathan Lane role. Other works to be screened at the festival include... *Chasing Amy* about a young man who falls in love with a Lesbian, Gregg Araki's *Nowhere* which is an ensemble comedy which allegedly satirizes his earlier work. He uses the most positive sounding titles doesn't he? My guess for his next project title is 'Get Out of My Face Before I Kick Your Dog'. A few other Sundance entries are, Alex Sichel's Lesbian coming-of-age story titled *All Over Me* (Sounds like a Jeff Stryker film), Arthur Dong's look at Gay bashing called *Licensed To Kill*, Su Friedrich's *High and Seek*, about the childhood of Lesbians, and Ira Sachs's *The Delta* about a gay Asian man and his relationship with a middle-aged white man. ▼▼▼

Nathan Lane, who lost the lead in *Love! Valour! Compassion!* the movie because producers didn't want to wait for an opening in his schedule, is about to start *Mousehunt* for Dreamworks and director Gore Verbinski. I never miss a Gore Verbinski film, whoever he/she is. Director Martin Scorsese has snagged the film rights to the Pulitzer-winning musical *Rent* for Miramax and his own Tribeca Productions. Bad news is that the contract stipulates that a film version cannot be made for at least three more years. It seems some producers want to get all the bucks they can out of the current stage production. L.A.'s La Jolla Playhouse will

get the musicals first west coast production in July. Joel Schumacher was a serious contender to helm the movie version but has since moved on to contemplate the movie version of Michael Bennett's *Dreamgirls*.

Fine Line Pictures will re-release a restored 25th anniversary version of John Water's *Pink Flamingos* on April 30. The story of Babs Johnson (played by Divine) and her quest to retain the title of "filthiest person in the world" will include additional footage cut from the original. The continuing saga of MTV's *The Real World* begins taping a new set of roommates in Boston this month. This next version will have a group of twentysomething living in a renovated fire house on Beacon Hill. Fans of the old Robert Ulrich series *Spencer For Hire* will recognize the structure as it was used as Spencer's home. ▼▼▼

San Francisco PBS station KQED has scheduled a March premiere for their documentary on The Castro district called simply *The Castro*. The film utilized the talents of Oscar winners Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman as consultants and will have a benefit premiere at the Castro Theatre on March 13. The week prior, the Castro will be showing *Boys Life 2*, a follow up to the 1995 compilation of gay short films. Among this new offering are 'Trevor' which explores the pain and humor of a gay 13-year-old, *Alkali, Iowa* about a farmer coming to terms with his missing father and his own

sexuality and Nunzio's *Second Cousin* focusing on a gay Chicago police detective who takes his own justice out on a gay basher. ▼▼▼

The USA Network is aiming for a spring premiere of a film based on Greg Louganis' autobiography *Breaking The Surface*. The story will cover Greg's turbulent personal life and later HIV diagnosis. According to news blurbs from a couple months ago, this is the month the Richard Simmons intends to begin pre-med classes in preparation to go to medical school. Is he trying not to break his mother's heart and give her a son who is a doctor or is the urge to say "Turn Your Head and Cough" just too unbearable? *Saturday Night Live* alumnus, Julia Sweeney, best known for her gender-confusing character Pat, has completed her memoirs and found a publisher in Bantam Books. The work is based on her one-woman show *God Said, Ha!* and has caught the interest of her friend Quentin Tarantino who hopes to executive produce a film version. ▼▼▼

Keith Boykin's book *One More River To Cross* does not focus on California's recent down pours but deals with being black and Gay in America. This former Clinton administration aide reminds people that racism and homophobia share the common root of ignorance and prejudice. Cross your fingers that the rumors aren't true that Jim Carrey is all hot and bothered to star in a remake of *Some Like It Hot*. The only thing that could make

it worse is to cast him opposite Adam Sandler. ▼▼▼

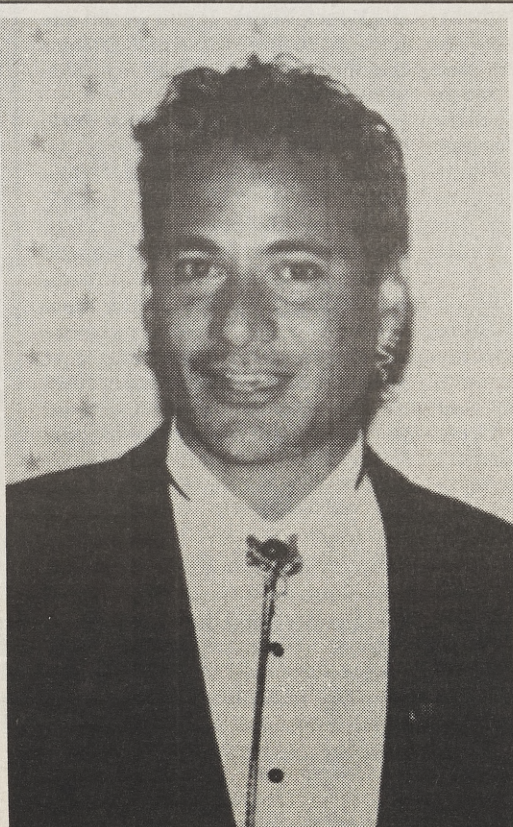
Former *M. Butterfly* star B.D. Wong joins Brad Pitt and David Thewlis (*Total Eclipse*) in director Jean Jacques Annaud's *Seven Years in Tibet*. Gay actor and author Rupert Everett (*Another Country*) has spent the last few months in

London and Paris filming *B. Monkey* for director Michael Radford. This month's release of *Meet Wally Sparks* stars Rodney Dangerfield, Debi Mazur and David Ogden Stiers. ▼▼▼

HBO has cast Tom Sizemore in the title role of it's upcoming bio-film *Hoover* about the late FBI director. Lets hope Mr. Sizemore is a size easier to fit into dresses. Don't be confused by the new CD release of *The Harvey Milk Show* and the recent production of *Harvey Milk* by the San Francisco Opera. *The Harvey Milk Show* is a musical with book and lyrics by Dan Pruitt and music by Patrick Houghton which opened in Atlanta five years ago. ▼▼▼

S.F.'s New Conservatory Theater presents Edwin Sanchez' *Trafficking In Broken Hearts* Jan. 8 - March 15. This West coast premiere is an erotic drama about a hustler, lawyer and runaway teenager. ▼▼▼

And lastly, looking ahead at 1997, I hope that someone tells Karl Lagerfeld that he's too old for hot-flashes and set fire to that stupid fan he's always using. But seriously, my one true hope for the New Year is that we all help others to better understand HIV and learn how they can help put an end to this everyperson's war. ▼▼▼



MGW/Sam Catalano

Four-time Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis, a hero to many Americans and especially his fellow gay Americans, will be the subject of a television movie to be aired on the USA Network this spring.

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Kevin Cohee and Randy Blair Blissfully Cohabitate

by John Batchelor
MGW/Staff

Is it mid-January 1997 already?! Get rolling, fill that calendar, realize those goals. Here are some of the happenings around town. Woodland residents Marc Chriss and Johnny Hamm took a walk out in their back yard and made the evening news. (Oh, and by the

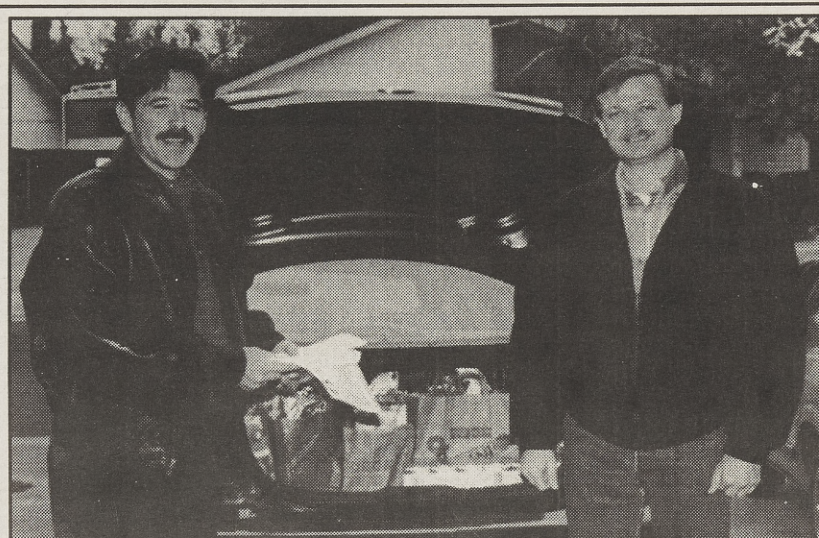
way, there's a river out there too.) Taking a look to see if they had any flooding worries, the two were caught on the news with KCRA TV 3's Shelly Monahan. Unfortunately, as the camera scanned the scene, Johnny and Marc were used as an example of the many "gawkers" who were flocking to the rivers. Hopefully, the next time they make the news it will be under more reputable circumstances. (Maybe saving a pet dog or something. Better luck next time you media hounds.▼▼▼)

The Positive Gourmet has announced its "Angel Business Awards 1996." Volunteers and donors helped Positive Gourmet's Thomas Vasques in the past year provide and deliver food to people living with AIDS. The following businesses and individuals were recognized: The Bread Store, Charlie Tuna, Danny Freer, Fairy Godfathers, Fred Hess, Grace Sloan, Hoyt Shepston, Janine Nugent, Joseph's Town & Country, La Vista Center, Linda Kerr, Michael Carpenter, Mireya Herrera, Paul's Television & Video, Rainbow Real Estate Pro-

fessionals, Rand Murray, Richard Arthur, Sacramento Quick Print, Sports Leisure Travel, Terry Hurst, Terry Sidie, the Townhouse, and the Wreck Room. If you would like to help Positive Gourmet in their ongoing important work, call 851-9850. ▼▼▼

Hey, do you live in Oak Park, Curtis Park, Hollywood Park, Colonial Heights, Elmhurst or Tahoe Park? Cherie Gordon is running for the Sacramento City Council in a special elected March 4. Deborah Ortiz used to hold this seat until she was recently elected to the state Assembly. Come and find out more about Cherie at a fundraiser at Verona Village River Resort, 6985 Garden Highway from 5 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 1. Oscar Bautista will cater the event. For more information about the election or the river event, call 737-6139. ▼▼▼

More January birthdays: Happy wishes to the man who does it all—James Ozanich—and to Tim White, Rich Wilkes, Maureen O'Shay, Michael Mary Addison, Jim McConnell, Charlotte Williams, Val Tibbett, Marcheta Smith, Steve Scott, and MGW publisher



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Volunteers Help Positive Gourmet Spread Holiday Cheer
Fred Hess and Glenn Mitchell were among the many volunteers who helped Positive Gourmet deliver 75 holiday shopping bags, making the annual holiday project a great success. Each bag included a wrapped gift, baked goods and a \$20 Safeway gift certificate donated by Fairy Godfathers.

Linda Birner. ▼▼▼

And speaking of birthdays, Coldwell realtor Maureen O'Shay celebrated 50 years this round. She was blind-folded by her partner Colleen Corrigan and daughter Linnea Wesseler and led into Le Magasin—a cool warehouse, converted to a great space for parties. There was eating, drinking and

dancing. The party-goers also brought memory pages to create a book for Maureen. Happy 1/2 century! ▼▼▼

Also Jim McConnell was elected president of the Harvard Alumni Club of Sacramento and he invites other Harvard grads to join. Call Jim at 481-7618. ▼▼▼

Making the big move for 1997,

Kevin Cohee and Randy Blair are blissfully under the same roof. Best wishes to the happy couple. If any of my other readers are newly coupled, please let me know. ▼▼▼

Jeff Farley and Mike Tentis had quite the sassy holiday party. Over 50 folks attended the soiree. Nonetheless, some accused the couple of being too Martha Stewart-ish! But we must point out that the entire tree was covered with handmade ornaments. Guests enjoyed a great array of Mike's newest passion—lounge music. Wafting throughout the house were the sounds of the CDs, "Christmas Cocktails," "Mambo Fever," and "Bachelors Pad Royale" (no relation). All this music was obtained after several trips to The Beat record store. Can't wait until next year. ▼▼▼

My Ballroom Dances for the gay and lesbian community and our friends are a great success. Come join us the first Friday of every month, Central United Methodist Church at 53rd and H Streets, 7:30-10:00 p.m. The next dance is Feb. 7. ▼▼▼

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Charges Filed in Gay Murder

by Stephen Kulieke
MGW/ Executive Editor

Sacramento Police have arrested a man in connection with the throat-slashing murder last November of a gay man, Eddie Moreno, in the city's Midtown District.

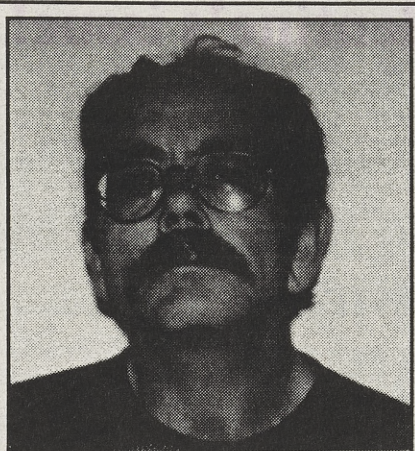
Stanley Anthony "Corky" Calhoun was apprehended Jan. 7 by a police canine unit which had gone to an Oak Park neighborhood home in search of a different suspect wanted for a separate crime. Although that suspect was not found, a police dog detected Calhoun who was taken into custody.

"[There was] an attempted pickup of another individual...and [Calhoun] was found hiding in the residence at 3925 39th Street," said Sgt. John Parker of the Homicide Unit.

A judge had issued an arrest warrant for Calhoun for Moreno's murder on Jan. 3 at the request of the Sacramento County District Attorney's office. The warrant was based on statements provided to police by witnesses to the Nov. 22 killing.

Calhoun, 42, was arraigned Jan. 9 at the Sacramento County Courthouse at 9th and G Streets on charges of first degree murder, robbery and auto theft. According to police, robbery was the apparent motive in the slaying with the allegation that Moreno's ring was taken. (Neither a weapon nor stolen personal property have been recovered, said police.) Additionally, Moreno's rented U-Haul truck was allegedly stolen and then abandoned by Calhoun. It was later recovered by police.

No trial date has been set for Calhoun and the D.A.'s office es-



Stanley Calhoun is charged with murder under "special circumstances"—during the commission of a robbery—which carries a mandatory sentence of the death penalty or life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

timates it will be nine months to a year before a trial is completed. Calhoun's next court appearance is Jan. 23 at 9 a.m. in the Sacramento County Court's Department 8. Calhoun is being held without bail at the Sacramento County Jail at 7th and I Streets.

According to police, Calhoun was a "parole violator" for a previous crime (second-degree robbery with the use of a firearm) for which he had served jail time.

At the time of his death, Moreno, 40, had lost his apartment and was living out of a rented truck. In the early morning hours of Nov. 22, witnesses say they observed Moreno "partying and drinking" with Calhoun in the truck, parked on 20th Street near L Street. An altercation ensued, and Calhoun was allegedly observed standing over the mortally-wounded Moreno in the street before driving off in the victim's truck. ▼

Sacramento State Weighs Consequences of ROTC Ban

Threatened with the loss of millions of dollars in student aid and other federal funding, California State University-Sacramento President Donald Gerth continues to weigh whether to rescind a decision to ban ROTC from the campus because of the military's antigay policies.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps at CSUS was in the process of gradually being phased out. The Army program has ceased operation and the Air Force program was scheduled to go in 1998. At the recommendation of the university's Academic Senate, Gerth had ordered that the programs be eliminated for violating university policies which prohibit antigay discrimination.

But then the Republican-controlled Congress passed and

President Clinton signed budget amendments that, beginning in March, deny virtually all federal funding to universities that do not offer ROTC programs. CSUS was threatened with a loss of \$50 million in federal funds, including \$37 million in student financial aid relied upon by 42% of CSUS' 23,000 students.

The Academic Senate subsequently voted to allow Gerth to rescind his decision to bar ROTC, although senate members said they did so reluctantly.

In December, Gerth went to Washington, DC and reportedly received conflicting messages from Defense Department and Education Department officials about how strictly the budgetary restrictions would be applied.

Gerth has said that the university was being caught in a

"classic moral dilemma," choosing between protecting the financial aid of nearly half the student population and upholding the campus' non-discrimination policy. However, he was quoted in the *Sacramento Bee* as saying that "there is no way I'm going to let the federal government cut off \$30 million to \$40 million in student aid."

A press spokesman for CSUS told MGW that she "wouldn't be surprised" if Gerth issues a decision on the matter in late January or early February although she wouldn't predict what that decision would be.

"The issue continues to percolate and [President Gerth] will make a decision when and if it is necessary," said Ann Reed, CSUS' Assistant Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs. ▼

Gay Sierrans Host Author Dell Richards

Dell Richards, author of *Lesbian Lists*, will present a slide show on birding in Yelapa, Mexico at the Jan. 24 meeting of Gay and Lesbian Sierrans. Yelapa, accessible only by boat and removed from the modern world is a birder's paradise where you can watch Parrots, Motmots, Torgons and other Mexican birds from dawn to dusk—Boat-Billed Herons and Roseate Spoonbills in the lagoon, Military Macaws upriver, Blue-footed Boobies and other sea birds on the Tres Marietas Islands.

Richards has 25 years birding experience and extensive experience visiting Mexico. The slide show and general meeting will be held at Sierra II, Room 12 on Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. Info: 455-4790, 644-7908. ▼

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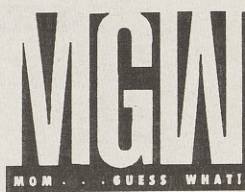
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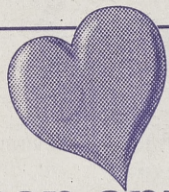
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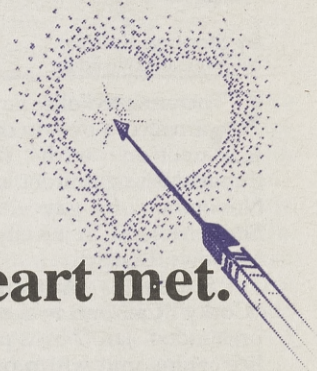
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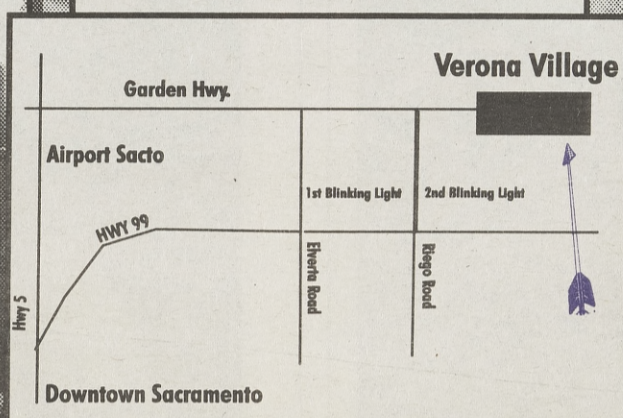
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A Cinematic Account of an Age-Old Conflict

by Stefan Grunwedel
MGW/Staff

Prisoner of the Mountains. Starring Oleg Menshikov, Sergei Bodrov Jr., Jemal Sikharulidze, and Suzanna Mekhralieva. Directed by Sergei Bodrov. (99 min.)

It's hard to imagine that the genesis for this movie, Leo Tolstoy's "Prisoner of Caucasus" was written 150 years ago for children. It's evidently as timely now as it was then. Today's flare-up of tensions in Chechnya depicted in the film echo age-old Caucasian-Russian animosities described in the

patriarch's son and the Russian hostages attempt to escape their respective confinements.

Also interfering with his plans, though to a lesser degree, is Abdoul-Mourat's daughter, who takes some playful interest in Vania, but knows they can never really be close.

battles, Bodrov's film highlights the human relationships that are affected in times of complicated and often senseless, protracted conflict. For instance, at first Sacha treats Vania rather poorly, blaming him for their capture. Later they become friends, not just with each other, but even (slightly) with their captors.

There is a surprising amount of humor in this movie, too, which reinforces the fact that the parties

of "magic realism," where the dead comeback to comfort the living. Though seemingly out of place in this down-to-earth movie, those moments do enhance the picture.

Yet not all is fun and games. This is still war, we are reminded, when Vania's and Sacha's somewhat friendly guard—with whom they spend some peaceful moments—is killed so they can attempt

an escape.

The ending is up to some interpretation. As with all conflicts, there are gains and losses, moments of success and failure. This film has a little of both, though human generosity and forgiveness is apparently rewarded.

Prisoner of the Mountains plays at Landmark's Tower Theatre. ▼



Though chained together, Vania (Bodrov Jr.) and Sacha (Menshikov) face different fates in Sergei Bodrov's *Prisoner of the Mountains*.

story.

Local rebels ambush a small group of Russians policing the Caucasus and kill all but two soldiers, Sacha (Menshikov) and Vania (Bodrov Jr.), who are captured and held for ransom by Abdoul-Mourat (Sikharulidze), the patriarch of the local Muslim town. Abdoul-Mourat wants to exchange them for his son who is currently in a Russian jail.

Despite the simplicity of the plan, complications arise as the plan falls through and both the

Prisoner of the Mountains is a very interesting film because of the cultures it depicts. The Muslim enclave perched upon the mountain looks incredibly isolated, yet it is the focus of a conflict that stretches for miles along the border and years into the past. Catching even a brief glimpse of how they live and treat their prisoners indicated a lasting determination that is not devoid of considerable humanity.

While a more mainstream treatment of this subject would have emphasized the pyrotechnics of the

involved are people, not just faceless enemies. Because Vania can repair clocks, he becomes popular among the villagers for as long as they think he'll be alive to repair them. When time starts to run out, they suddenly lose interest and figure they can continue living without fixed clocks.

Another moment of levity comes when the captives' radio suddenly blares out a familiar jazz tune—in English. This almost unreal moment foreshadows some scenes

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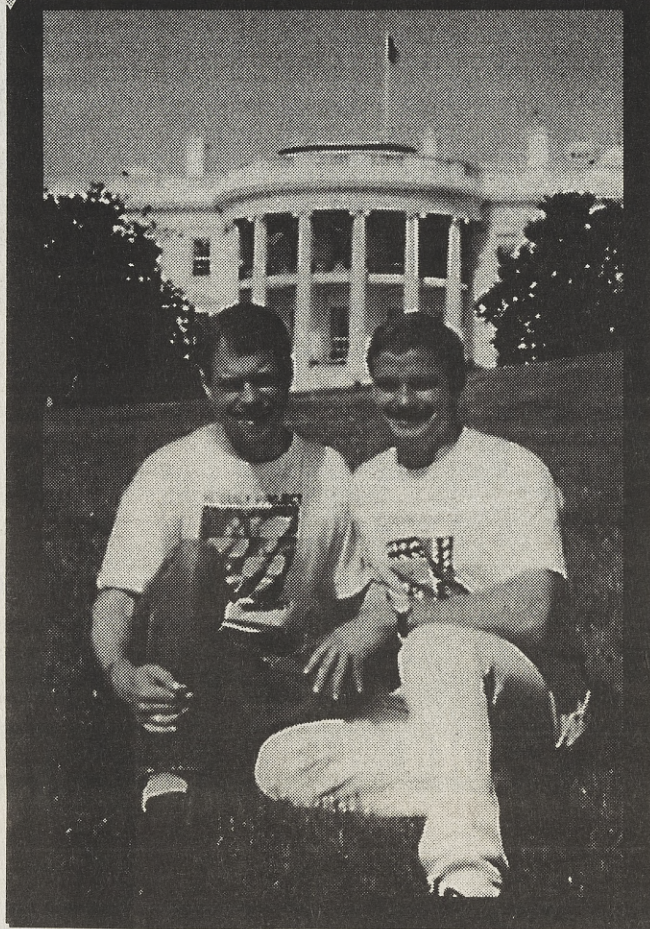
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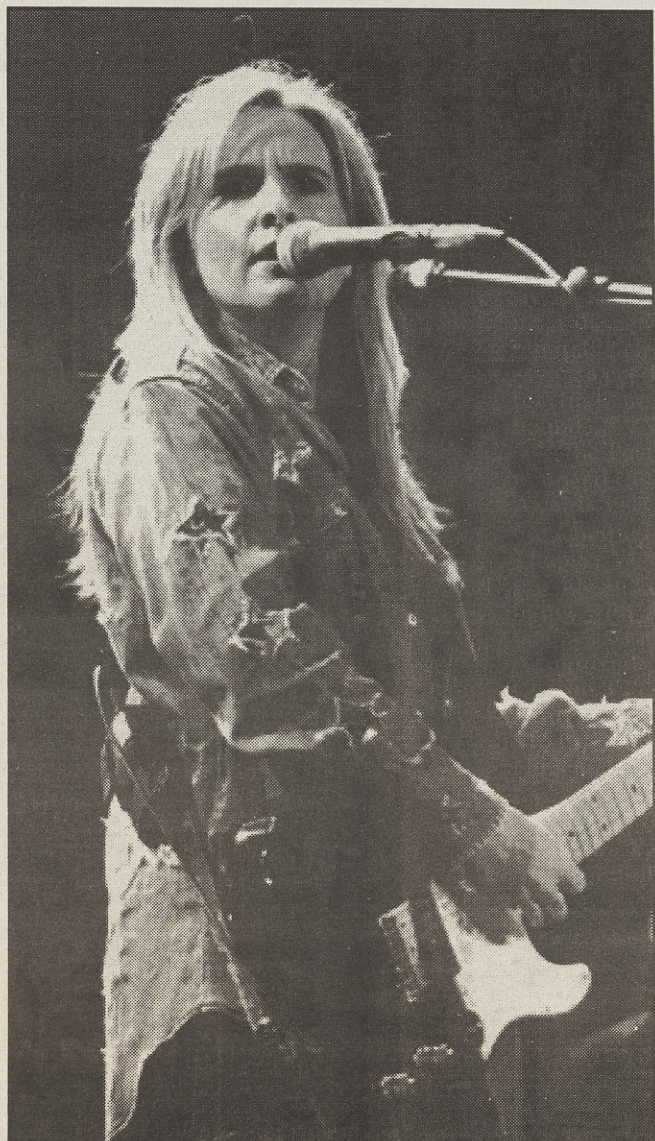
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Etheridge, who has become the most visibly open lesbian/gay celebrity of the 90's, poured an intensity and passion forth in the evening's performance that few can match. She has poured that same intensity out in the press as well, as she has openly spoken about her lesbian identity

and the upcoming birth of her first child with partner Julie Cypher.

Etheridge, who has appeared on everything from 20/20 with Barbara Walters to the cover of *Newsweek* last fall, will not tour in 1997. Perhaps that is why no one - including Etheridge - seemed to want the evening's performance to end. Or perhaps it is because a community of people *love* this woman - her music, her passion, her openness. 1997 could be a long year...

A "Harvest" of Music at The Palms

Singer/Songwriter Erica Wheeler will perform songs from her latest CD, "The Harvest," at 8 p.m. on Jan. 23 at The Palms Playhouse in Davis. A performer with an "awesome underground reputation," Wheeler has opened for Indigo Girls and Shawn Colvin and has been hailed as one of the country's finest "New Folk" songwriters. Info: 756-9901.



Women's Music Night Jan. 24 in Davis

Singer/guitarist Diane Patterson and drummer/percussionist Janelle Burdell will headline a women's music night Friday Jan. 24 at the Delta of Venus Cafe in Davis. Patterson's soulful and sweet vocals are complemented by the electronic percussion of Burdell. Also appearing at the 8 p.m. show will be Duvall - Speck, Clare Norelle, Anne Guzzo, and Wendy Johnson. The cafe is located at 122 B Street. Cover donation for the show is \$2. Info: 756-8260.



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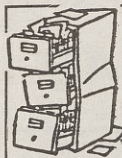
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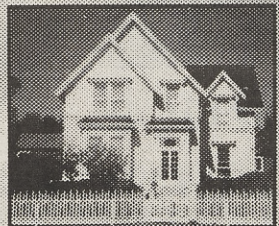
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Gay UC Davis Researcher Wins Award

by Stephen Kulieke
MGW/Executive Editor

The American Psychological Association (APA) has bestowed one of its highest honors on a UC Davis psychologist for his scientific research refuting the military's ban against gays and illuminating the national problem of antigay violence.

Gregory Herek, Ph.D., was the recipient of the APA's 1996 Early Career Award for Distinguished Contribution to Psychology in the Public Interest, the first openly gay man to be honored with the association's public policy award.

Herek is probably best known locally for his ground-breaking, federally-funded survey of 2,300 Sacramento area gays, lesbians and bisexuals (g/l/b) which focused on antigay hate crime and the psychological consequences for its victims. When preliminary results of that survey were released at the Lambda Community Center last fall, Herek lauded the Sacramento community for the "tremendous support" it provided to him and his fellow researchers at the Northern California Community Research Group. The group is affiliated with UC Davis, where Herek has been a research psychologist since 1989.

In announcing the award, the APA's official newspaper reported that "Herek's work has furthered our understanding of [antigay] prejudice and discrimination" and has impacted national debate. His research "seeks to assure that public policy decisions are informed by sound psychological science."

stated the *Monitor* article.

"The award is for not only doing the research but also for actively translating the work into policy and action," Herek told MGW. "...Not only had I done empirical research [on gays and lesbians], I also had used that research in court cases, Congressional hearings and other policy arenas."

The APA recognized the UC Davis psychologist for constructing "a strong scientific argument against the military's ban" on gay service members. Herek has testified twice before Congressional committees—in 1986 on antigay violence and in 1993 on the military's antigay ban—and has published two books on these subjects: *Hate Crimes: Confronting Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men* and *Out in Force: Sexual Orientation and the Military*. He frequently has served as a consultant and expert witness on gay civil rights court cases, including many challenging the military's policy.

The 1986 Congressional testimony by Herek and others, coupled with intense lobbying by gay advocates, led to the inclusion of sexual orientation as a category in the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. The law requires the FBI to collect data on hate crimes and was the first federal legislation to explicitly acknowledge prejudice based on sexual orientation.

Herek said his award is consistent with the APA's strong support for g/l/b concerns that dates back to the 1970s. In 1975, the APA endorsed the American Psychiatric Association decision to remove homosexuality from the list of mental disorders.

"Since that time, the APA has gone beyond [simply] saying that

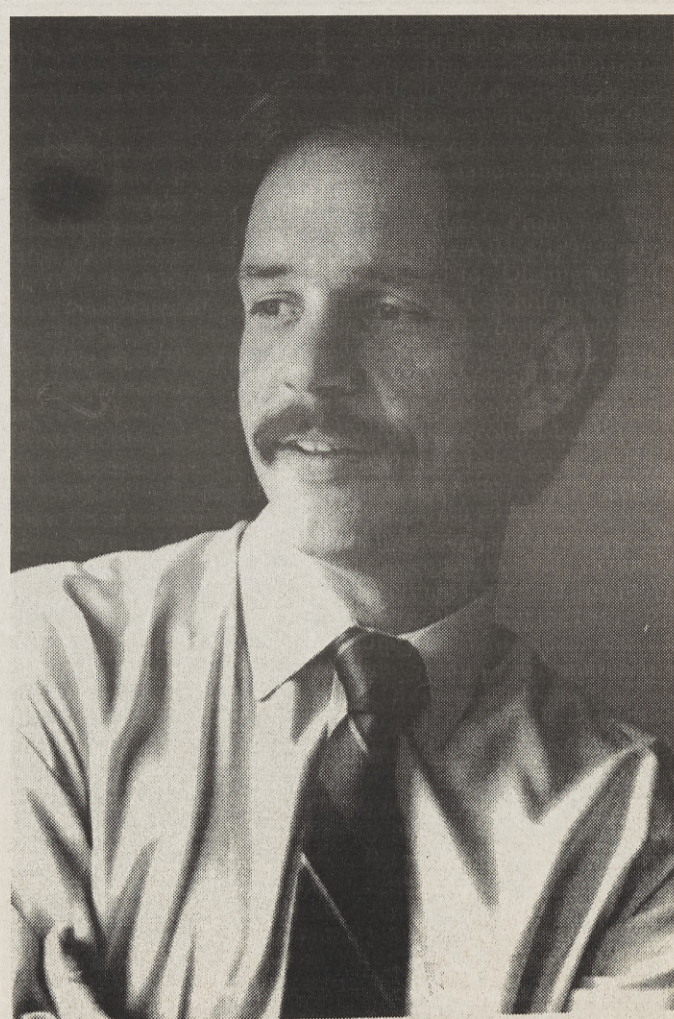
homosexuality is not an illness," said Herek. [The organization] has taken many positive steps toward removing the stigma that historically was associated with homosexuality. Many of the opportunities I had to apply research to the policy arena were provided by the APA," he said, noting that the national association arranged both his testimonies before Congress.

The APA annually grants awards to psychologists for outstanding contributions in the areas of public policy, science, professional practice, and education. A previous public policy award recipient was Dr. Evelyn Hooker, called by some the "Rosa Parks of the gay movement" for her landmark research in the 1950s disproving the widely-held belief that homosexuality was an illness.

Herek said his APA public policy award "is a great honor for any psychologist to receive, especially an openly gay psychologist. The fact that people like Evelyn Hooker received [it] in the past makes it even more special for me."

Hooker, who died last November at the age of 89, was a friend and colleague of Herek's.

Herek helped Hooker develop a fund which annually confers grants on researchers, particularly those at the outset of their careers, who conduct studies on gay and lesbian topics. Now in its third year, the Wayne Placek Fund operates under the auspices of the APA's charitable branch and to date has given away approximately \$60,000. The fund is named for one of the men profiled in Hooker's landmark 1950s studies, who bequeathed the legendary researcher more than half a million dollars to promote further research on homosexuality.▼



Dr. Herek will receive the award and an honorarium of \$1,000 at the APA's national convention in Chicago this summer.

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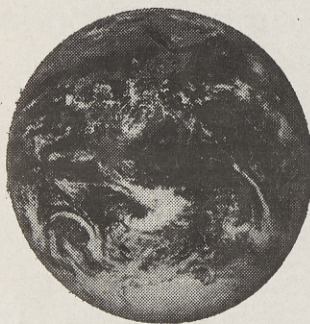
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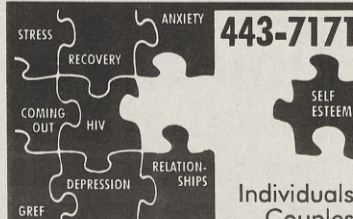
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Housetraining Dogs in Bad Weather

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

Living in the Ozarks has been a great eye-opener. It has reminded me that real winter weather does exist and life goes on despite cold, rain, sleet and snow. My own, wonderful, well-trained and impeccably house-trained dogs balked at or frozen ground. Sad eyes met mine with a poignant plea to spare them from the necessity of going out in weather that was not fit for man or beast. (It is amazing how they can make you feel like a first class heel just with a look). Unfortunately, bodily functions continue and urinating and defecating are both totally unacceptable behaviors inside the house. And with time, they have all toughened up and are going out readily to do their business. But, how do you handle the problem with a new puppy in the house?

Hopefully you got the pup when the weather was dry so that you have already established a particular spot in the yard where you want the puppy to go. If you have, then dig out the rain coat and take the puppy out no matter what the weather is. The minute the puppy goes, you praise and reward with treats. Soon the puppy will want to do its business to get the rewards. This is the ideal scenario. However, this is usually the exception rather than the rule. Following are some ideas that may help you through the difficult winter months.

The Labrador and Golden pups probably aren't going to object to weather conditions, the Lab will be eager to play in puddles and its insulated coat will keep it warm. After all, it was bred to brave cold, wet weather in the hunting fields. So, the first few times you may have to prompt it outside with treats and it will joyfully brave the elements. However, not every breed is a water dog. Small breeds, more delicate pups and very young pups will resist and even if you walk them they will often "hold it" until they get back in the warm house. For these reluctant pups, I use a potty box in the house, in the garage or on a porch.

The potty box can be anything from my four foot square plastic box with 3" sides or it can be homemade from cardboard or wood. For a very small dog, an oil drip pan from the automotive store may work just fine. The object is to give the puppy a surface to use that is not your carpet, wood floors or the linoleum.

Dogs will learn to relieve themselves on the surface they live on. For instance, often the puppy that heads right for the carpet, probably was raised in a litter box with carpeting as a floor. While carpet does offer excellent traction for young

puppies just learning to walk, it also sends out a mixed message for later ease in housetraining. I use newspaper in my whelping box and as the pups begin walking I will switch to towels for greater traction and then go back to shredded newspaper and then move to shavings. By the time the pups are out of the whelping box they begin looking for the box of shavings to do their business.

The potty box can be placed in the area where you confine the puppy when you are not there to watch it--the kitchen or a spare bathroom. (However, remember that puppies often become frantic when they can't see past a door, so use a kiddy gate to keep him inside.) I suggest covering the floor with newspaper so that any "misses" will be absorbed. If you have carpet throughout the house, put down plastic to protect the carpeting and then cover with newspaper. The potty box can be filled with shavings, shredded newspaper or even a few squares of sod so the pup has a "little lawn" to go on. Scent the area with some of the pups own urine, soaked up on a Kleenex and put one of its stools in the box as a lure. This will help attract the pup to the area. Again, rewards and praise are the key to encouraging repeat performances.

If you do not have an ideal house setup to allow for a space for the pup, you can purchase an X-pen, a ready made wire pen made up of eight, 2' panels. It can be placed in any configuration and can be used indoors or out. I carefully cover the area beneath so that no floor is left exposed and put the puppy in with the potty box as before. The same arrangement can be later moved outdoors to the area where you want the puppy to learn to go so that you can structure the puppy's later use of the yard.

If you don't want the expense of an X-pen, build a pen with a wooden frame and chicken wire. If the puppy is a climber or a jumper, a top will help confine it. The advantages to using some sort of pen is that it teaches the puppy to accept confinement. I particularly recommend some sort of structured confinement if the puppy is left in the garage. It is too easy for it to get into mischief if left in too large a space with access to your belongings. Also, in the garage, it may get into traces of antifreeze and you can

inadvertently poison it.

Of course, the dog crate is a must for aiding in preventing accidents. When you can't watch the pup, put it in its crate in a room which you will frequently pass through. You can see if the pup is restless, which is usually a good sign that it needs to relieve itself. Then it is out and into the appropriate potty area.

If your puppy is one that doesn't object to being out in inclement weather, make sure that you dry it thoroughly when you bring it in so that it doesn't chill. This also is a good start to teaching a puppy to allow you to wipe its feet

so that when it is a bigger dog you can bring it in on a sheet or blanket, as I do, have it sit and allow you to dry it off.

If you find the mix of new puppy and bad weather a frustrating combination, call us at Common Sense Dog Training, (916) 927-7241 and we will be happy to talk you through the problems. Also, I will be in Sacramento during January and will be offering a special on house calls. The normal \$85, two-hour session is only \$65 in January. Call and make your appointment.

In the meantime, remember that patience is the key to surviving that new puppy. ▼

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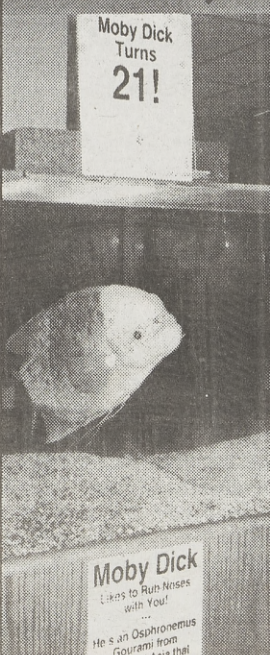
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On the HIV Front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Dr. Ho's next step...

AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho was recently named as *Time* magazine's 1996 Man of the Year for his contribution to new AIDS treatments. Dr. Ho heads up the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, and developed the concept of a "cocktail," mixing a protease inhibitor together with two other medications. His work stands out among that of many AIDS researchers who have advanced knowledge of the disease. He was among those who first recognized AIDS as an infectious disease, and was influential in shifting the focus of treatment to the early stages of infection. Dr. Ho says the only real way to determine if the new combination drugs can rid the body of HIV is to ask people to stop taking them and then see what happens to their viral load and their health. He has asked 21 people taking the combination to become part of this study. Many of them have gone a whole year without detectable virus in their blood. To date, however, none of them has agreed to go off the therapy. Dr. Ho says he shall continue to ask them periodically.

From a different perspective, editors of the *Wall Street Journal* recently cited Dr. Ho as an example of the benefits that immigrants bring to the United States, saying such an example be considered in future debates about the value of immigration. ▼

Needle exchange research...

A controversial needle exchange study has been approved by the director of the National Institutes of Health, despite charges from a health industry watchdog group that it is "immoral and unethical" and could increase disease risk among those who cannot participate. The \$2.4 million study will compare the impact of two methods of needle distribution on the rate of infectious disease among injection drug users, and was approved provided the participants are offered shots against hepatitis B. Half of the participants will be allowed to exchange used needles for clean ones, while the other half will be told how and where they can buy needles from drugstores. Current and former drug users are participating, so the study will not only assess impact of the two methods on disease, but also determine if the former users would be more likely to relapse to drug use if clean needles were available.

New meds at center of rift among AIDS groups...

The recent successes of new AIDS drugs has some patient advocates calling for a shift of funding away from social services toward drugs and treatment. The providers of services such as transportation, housing, and counseling are increasingly concerned about maintaining funding for their programs as a result. AIDS Project Los Angeles officials, for instance, say "You can have the best medicines and medical services in the world, but if people can't get to the appointment, what good does it do?" Considering the high cost of the new medications, it's likely this contro-

versy will continue for some time to come. ▼

Dementia medication tested...

Researchers at Neurobiological Technologies of Richmond, Calif., are initiating a trial of the drug Memantine, a potential treatment for AIDS-related dementia and nerve damage. About

one-third of all people with AIDS develop neurological problems, including loss of memory, movement, and sensation, and up to 40 percent report neuropathic pain (pain in the body's nerves). ▼

Koch's condom campaign...

Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch is promoting a plan to show public-service announcements that encourage safer sex in place of the trivia quizzes shown at city movie theaters before films. The suggestion was offered by one of the Mayor's radio listeners. A short animated film was produced by two young film students whose aid Koch enlisted. The mayor had sought help from dozens of Hollywood sources, but no one accepted. The mayor then personally lobbied movie theaters in the city, but was again largely unsuccessful. So far, only one theater has agreed to show the film on its screens, but His Honor seems to have the diligence to extend his plan to other venues. ▼

Prison condoms...

Vermont prison officials report that requests for condoms by inmates total fewer than 10 a month, even in larger prisons throughout the state. Only Vermont and Mississippi (and Canada) provide condoms to inmates as part of an effort to curb the spread of HIV. Massachusetts officials are now debating the issue of condoms in prisons, where AIDS is six times more prevalent than in society at large. Health officials there say that, despite rules to the contrary, sex and rape will continue to occur inside prisons, and that they should also distribute condoms to inmates. Prison officials say that condoms provide containers for contraband, and would encourage inmates to have sex, an activity that is illegal and punishable. AIDS experts cite a rising occurrence of disease in prisons — about 3,430 U.S. inmates had AIDS in 1992. The figure rose to 5,279 in 1994. ▼

Tax law eased on life insurance benefits...

A new federal tax law allows people with chronic or terminal illnesses to sell their life insurance to cover medical bills, without paying (1997) income tax on the benefits. Payments made after Dec. 31, 1996, through "accelerated benefits" from an insurance company or a payment by a viatical settlement company, are not subject to income tax. "Taxing the benefits substantially reduces the amount of money available to the insured. The new law will help allow the individual to die with dignity," say financial advisors. ▼

HHS reviews 1996 achievements...

Among the achievements reported by the Department of Health and Human Services for 1996 are the approval of the anti-HIV protease inhibitor drugs by the Food and Drug Administration, and the approval of the first home HIV test kit. HHS reported that the 1995 death rate from AIDS did not increase for the first time, and the number of infants born with HIV declined 27 percent between 1992 and 1995 — this drop attributed to the increased use of AZT therapy by pregnant women with HIV. Funding for the Ryan White CARE Act has increased 158 percent since President Clinton took office, and a five-year reauthorization of the act was passed in 1996. Last year also saw the award by HHS of \$7.1 million to community-based AIDS service programs. Moreover, the agency worked with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to award grants totaling \$227.7 million to 20 states to provide assistance to people with HIV or AIDS and to award \$3.35 million in grants to support the continuation of nine projects in six states that provide health care and services for HIV-infected and at-risk adolescents. ▼

Mandatory HIV testing in pregnancy supported...

While members of the American Medical Association agreed in June to support mandatory HIV testing for pregnant women, the group reaffirmed the decision by a wider margin at a recent meeting. AMA's general policy says a patient is entitled to consider a doctor's recommended care, and then "may accept or refuse any recommended treatment." Voluntary HIV testing of pregnant women continues to be supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and other medical groups. The AMA also supports mandatory testing for people who donate blood, breast milk, organs, semen and ova, as well as for immigrants and military personnel, noting that HIV should be

"depoliticized" and treated like other infectious diseases. ▼

Feds warn physicians on medical marijuana...

The Federal Government, in an apparent attempt to avoid the possible misuse of medicinal marijuana by a few, has decided to overstep the will of the people of California and Arizona trying to legally provide pain relief to its citizens with cancer and AIDS. Following the Clinton administration's recent warning that doctors who prescribe marijuana to patients may face sanctions, physicians who supported the new laws in the two states say they will not jeopardize their careers. The Arizona law also allows physicians to recommend heroin and LSD for pain relief. Possible penalties include the loss of licenses to write prescriptions or the exclusion from Medicare and Medicaid programs. "There's no way I can recommend it now without risking my livelihood," says one physician. Another, who runs a clinic for patients with HIV and AIDS in Los Angeles, says only one of his patients has asked for a recommendation to use marijuana. He said it would be "irresponsible" for him to risk his license for one person, when he has so many others to care for. A third physician said that rather than write a prescription for marijuana, he'll provide to those needing the drug a note on his personal stationery saying that the patient has cancer or AIDS, and have him carry the note to show to authorities should he ever be questioned about his use of the drug. California Attorney General Dan Lungren says the federal response adds clarity and provides some welcome guidance regarding contraband marijuana. Limited scientific tests on marijuana to date show that regular pot users often suffer from chronic bronchitis and experience changes in the linings of the trachea and bronchial tubes, and damage in the lungs. People with cancer say pot relieves the nausea and pain associated with their chemotherapy treatments, and people with AIDS say it controls their nausea enough that they can once again eat, and regain weight, even after drastic weight loss. Many physicians, on the other hand, say that legal medications actually offer more relief than pot. ▼

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Jan. 18, 1997 marks the one-year anniversary of the passing of Robert Gilbert from AIDS. Robert was a handsome, sweet-natured man, full of kindness and warm regard for everyone. It seemed at the time, that his passing had left an unfillable void in the lives of his family and close friends, Mary and Theresa.

During this first year without him, we found that many of the common events of our lives had been profoundly and unmistakably altered. No matter what we seemed to do, a dinner party, barbecue, boating and especially the State Fair, our thoughts drifted to the loss of Robert and how much he would have enjoyed it. But this year has also provided something else, the time necessary to move beyond the pain and once again enjoy good feelings when we think about our dear friend Robert. His life enriched our lives and he gave us lots of incredible memories.

Life will never be the same again and that's OK. We are thankful for the time we had together.

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Craters on Venus Named for Famous Lesbians

Venus, the Roman goddess of beauty and Earth's next-door neighbor in the solar system has had a bevy of earth-bound lesbians' names assigned to the many craters, pateras and coronas that cover the planet's surface.

Lesbian writer Gertrude Stein and her partner Alice B. Toklas each have a crater named after them, as do Willa Cather and Virginia Woolf, American poets Emily Dickinson and Edna St. Vincent Millay, Swedish writer Selma Lagerlof, and American playwright Lorraine Hansberry who wrote *Raisin in the Sun*.

Other lesbians appear on Venus also, including American anthropologist Margaret Mead and singer Josephine Baker. Greek poet Soph has a patera (an irregular crater) named for her, as does French writer Colette, suffragist Susan B. Anthony, and American poet Sara Teasdale. Ann Nzingha, queen of an Amazon band in the early 1600's, had a corona (an ovoid-shaped feature) named for her in 1991.

The International Astronomical Union has assigned hundreds of women's names to features on Venus's surface. In 1973, the first task group responsible for naming Venus's features chose as its theme naming features after women. Names are not based on sexual orientation, but rather on the woman and her accomplishments.

-The Washington Blade

Russian Lesbian Asks Court for Asylum

Russian lesbian Alla Pitcherskaia has asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco for political asylum in order that she may remain in this country.

The case marks the first time a federal appeals court has considered sexual orientation as a basis for asylum. She faces deportation if her appeal fails.

Pitcherskaia, 34, who currently works for a San Francisco travel agency, petitioned the court after the Immigration and Naturalization Service refused her asylum request. Her attorneys argued before the court that lesbi-



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Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas: memorialized on Venus.

ans in Russia still face institutionalization and persecution.

The INS now recognizes that foreigners could face persecution for their sexual orientation and has granted political asylum to about 40 people on that basis. Attorneys for the INS argued before the court that Pitcherskaia's case failed to meet standards set by the INS.

INS reviewers ruled Pitcherskaia did not have a well-rounded fear of persecution since she had not received electroshock therapy or been detained for long periods of time.

-The Sacramento Bee

San Jose May Bid for 2006 Gay Games

The San Jose Sports Authority is mulling over the possibility of bidding for the 2006 Gay Games.

Deputy director Dedra Hall said that no decision on a bid will be made until after the 1998 games in Amsterdam.

The last games were held in New York, and attracted 11,000 athletes and about 500,000 spectators - more than the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona. Hall said that the Gay Games has been growing by about 20 percent each time, and if that growth continues, the 2006 games will be about 60 percent larger than New York's.

Sydney, Australia has put in a

bid for the 2002 games, but no decision has been made.

-OutNOW

Former Ford Executive Comes Out

The retired vice chairman of the Ford Motor Co. came out last month in a gay newspaper published in Detroit. The personal disclosure makes Alan Gilmore the highest-ranking corporate officer outside of the entertainment industry to be openly gay.

Gilmore, 63, said he kept his sexuality secret since he acknowledged it to himself 22 years ago. Nevertheless, there were rumors about his homosexuality, and it is possible that the rumors prevented him from being named as Ford's chairman. He was a finalist for the post three years ago.

Although he has just come out publicly, he has not been a stranger to the gay and lesbian community in Detroit. For the past two years he has given large sums to the HOPE Fund, a southwestern Michigan gay and lesbian charitable organization. Last year he founded the Gilmore Fund, which addresses some of the gay community's charity needs.

Gilmore said one of the reasons he decided to come out was because "the gay community is underserved

and under-resourced."
-Between the Lines

Casting Director Held for Sodomy Trial

A former ABC-TV casting director and four other men were ordered recently to stand trial on charges that they sodomized an aspiring male actor.

"This is one of the most troubling cases I've had to deal with in many years," Municipal Court Judge Charles Rubin told the group at the end of a month-long preliminary hearing.

The actor claims that casting director Jerry Marshall invited him to his home in August 1993 to meet some ABC executives. Once there, he said he was drugged, bound and gang-raped by Marshall and the others, who were not ABC employees.

The actor, who said he was gay, was later driven in his car to Beverly Hills and abandoned.

-Philadelphia Gay News

Florida County Can't Ban Gay Rights Laws

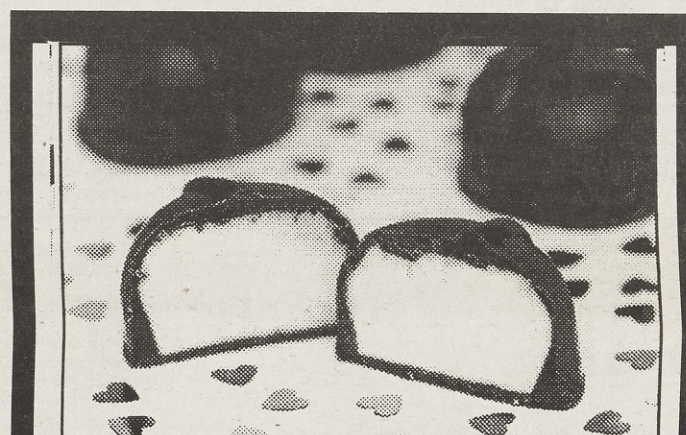
Citing the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that voided the Colorado constitutional amendment banning gay-rights protections, a judge in Gainesville, Fla., last month threw out an amendment to the Alachua County charter that likewise prohibited gay-rights laws from being enacted in the county.

"Amendment 1's focus on sexual orientation cannot be explained on any rational basis other than the manifestation of the majority's condemnation of homosexuality and bisexuality," Circuit Judge Frederick Smith said in a three-page opinion.

In 1993, the county commissioners narrowly voted to protect lesbians and gays from discrimination in employment, housing and other areas. Members of the religious right sponsored a referendum to overturn the policy and a petition drive to add an amendment to the county charter to make sure similar protections were not enacted again. The amendment was approved by 59 percent of the vote.

The ruling opens the possibility that the commission could again enact gay-rights protections.

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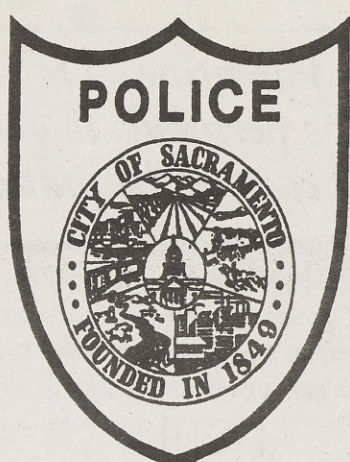
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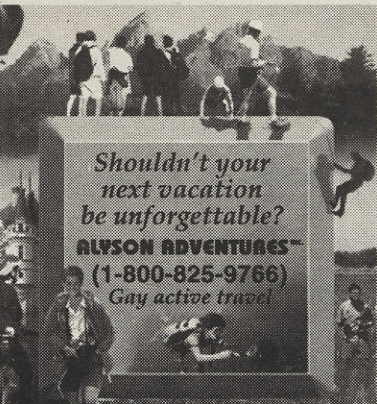
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Sacramento Light Opera Association, God's Trombones, thru Jan. 19, Music Circus 1419 H St., 557-1999.

Sacramento Repertory Theatre, The First, Jan. 24 - Feb. 22, 1997; *Stories About The Old Days*, Mar. 7 - Apr. 5, 1997; *Special One Man Show: Hal Williams*, To Be Announced; *The Wiz*, May 2-24, 1997; *One Act Festival* May 29-31, 1997; *Hunter* Jun 20-Jul 26, 1997, 5101 Lawrence Dr., 457-8827.

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SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199
WOMEN'S PHILHARMONIC PREMIERE
8pm, Herbst Theater 401 Van Ness Ave S.F., 437-0123

26 SUNDAY

CROCKER ART MUSEUM PRESENTS:
Reggie Graham, 3 - 4pm, Ballroom 216 O St., 264-5423
DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Superbowl Party, 684-6524



Women's Philharmonic
Opens Season Jan. 25

San Francisco's Women's Philharmonic--the nation's only professional orchestra dedicated to promoting women composers, conductors and performers--opens its season at the Herbst Theater at 8 p.m. on Jan. 25 with two U.S. premieres, under the baton of Guest Conductor Odaline de la Martinez. Tickets: (415) 392-4400. Info: (415) 437-0123.

SUPERBOWL CHILI COOK-OFF AT EDGEWATER RESORT
6420 Soda Bay, Kelseyville, 707/279-0208

27 MONDAY
JOSIE'S CABARET & JUICE JOINT PRESENTS:
Gay Comedy Open Mike Night, 8pm, 3583 16th St. S.F., 415/861-7933
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199
SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS
6:30pm, 424-4411
28 TUESDAY
GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:
"Erotic Fairy Tales Booksigning", 8 - 10pm, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722
SAC. YOUTH SYMPHONY OPEN HOUSE
7-9pm, Hiram-Johnson Campus, 388-5777
SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE
7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

29 WEDNESDAY

GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:
"Erotic Performance & Movement for Women", 8 - 10pm, must pre-register, 1210 Valencia S.F., 415/974-8980
Q-SPIRIT WOMEN INAUGURAL MEETING
Waking up: One woman's life story, 7 - 9pm, Metro. Comm. Church 150 Eureka S.F., 415/281-9377
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

30 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 10pm
GOOD VIBRATIONS PRESENTS:
"Body Alchemy Book Signing", 2504 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley, 510/841-8987
THE PALMS PRESENTS:
Rev. Billy C. Wirtz, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485

31 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 4pm
MELONNEE DESIREE LIVE
7 - 10pm, David's Espresso Bar 2215 K St., 443-6353
THE PALMS PRESENTS:
James Armstrong Blues Band, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722
UC DAVIS LECTURE
Alice Walker, Freeborn Hall, 8pm, 757-3481

FEBRUARY

1 SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 17, 10am
FUNDRAISER FOR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE CHERIE GORDON
5 - 8pm, \$20 contribution, Verona Village River Resort 6985 Garden Hwy.
THE PALMS PRESENTS:
Those Darn Accordions, 726 Drummond, Davis, 953-3485
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199
WO-MA-MU (WOMEN MAKING MUSIC RETREAT) REGISTRATION BEGINS
March 21 - 24, Bishops Ranch near Healdsburg, must register by Mar. 1, 707/485-0601

2 SUNDAY

PBS PRESENTATION
"Breaking The Code" on Mobile Masterpiece Theatre, PBS Sac. Channel 6, 9pm
U.C. DAVIS PRESENTS
Alexander & Angels String Quartets, 7pm, Freeborn Hall, 752-1915
VALLEY BEARS MEETING
Wreck Room 2513 Broadway, 7pm, 535-5050
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

RICHARD I. NELSON GALLERY & FINE ARTS COLLECTION, Artists' Valentines, Jan. 21-Feb. 8; Michael Tompkins, Feb. 16-March 21; Fred Wilson (Tableaus), April 13-May 16; Annual Master of Fine Arts Exhibitions, May 30-June 27, 124-125 Art Building U.C. Davis, 752-8500

SHENANDOAH GALLERY, New Works by Katherine A. Venturilli, thru Mar. 10, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209/245-4455

SOLOMON DUBNICK GALLERY, "Old & New Friends" - No. Cal. Artists by Kurt Fishback, thru Feb. 15; Watercolor and Bronze Sculpture by Ierald Silva, Feb. 20 - Mar. 29; "Brand New Funk" by David Gilhooly & Paul Di Pasqua, May 1 - 31; Ceramics by Tony Natsoulas, Paintings & Ceramics by Majja Peeples, Jun. 4 - 28; Introductions 1997, Jul. 3 - Aug. 2; Creative Obsession by Stuart Buehler & Don Reich, New Works by Gary Pruner, Nov. 6 - 29, 1997. New Works by Irving Marcus, Jan. 8 - 31, 1998; New works by Jack Ogden, Feb. 4 - 28, 1998, 2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547

UNIVERSITY UNION EXHIBITS, "Captured by the Grid," Cleide Sander Group, Oil and acrylic, University Union Exhibit Lounge, CSUS, 6000 J St.

VIEWPOINT GALLERY, Classic Processes Current Views thru Feb. 14, 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

YERBA BUENA GARDENS CENTER FOR THE ARTS, "The Hall Of Fame Hall Of Fame", thru Feb. 23, 701 Mission St. S.F., 415/978-ARTS

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ART GALLERIES

BIG ART, "Bugs That Itch Your Ass", Liz Hollon, thru Jan. 31, 1928 L St., 446-2740

BLOOMING ART, "Red Crested Heartbreaker", Photography by Sue Sparks, thru Feb. 1, 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800

CALIF. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, 19th & 20th Century Sculptors' Prints & Drawings: Selections from the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, thru Jan. 18; *Anderson graphic Arts Collection*, Feb. 8 - May 18; *Masterpieces from The Pierpont Morgan Library*, Feb. 15 - Apr. 27; *Bouquets to Art*, Mar. 17 - 21, *John Martin Paintings*, May 10 - Aug. 3, *Roy Lichtenstein Prints/Anderson Collection*, May 31 - Oct. 19; *Nathan Oliveira Monotypes*, Jun. 14, *Artists Prints, Crown Prints Press*, Oct. 4 - Jan. 4, 1998; 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, Thomas Hill Oils, Jan. 24 - Mar. 9, *Netsuke! Form and Fashion from Edo Japan*, Feb. 7 - July 6, *Art & Politics in Revolutionary France*, thru Feb. 9, 1997; *Rodin Sculptures*, First week of May, 216 O St., 264-5423.

DE YOUNG MUSEUM, *The Enjoyment of African Art: Masks and Sculptures from the Michael R. Heide Collection*, thru March 1997; *Beat Culture and the New America: 1950-1965*, thru Dec. 29; *Art of the Americas: Cultural Crosscurrents*, thru Jan. 26; *If The Shoe Fits*, thru Jul. 13; *The Peale Family: Creation of a Legacy, 1770-1870*, Jan. 26 - Apr. 6; *Life and Afterlife in Ancient Peru: Treasures from the Museo Arqueologico, Rafael Larco Herrera*, May - Aug.; *Youth Arts Festival*, May 7 - 11; *Jeffrey Appleby Collection of Andean Textiles*, Jun. 21 - Aug. 10, *Art Of The Americas: Identity*

Crisis, Jul. 26 - Nov. 16; *Masters Of Light: Dutch Paintings from Utrecht in the Golden Age*, Sep. 13 - Nov. 30; *Morgan Flagg Collection*, Oct. 18 - Jan. 1998; *Art Of The Americas: Art and Ethnography*, Dec. 6 - Mar. 1998; *Treasures of the Tervuren Museum*, Feb. 21, 1998 - Apr. 31, 1998; *John Stuart Curry: Invading the Middle West*, Jun. 13, 1998 - Aug. 30, 1998; *The Wealth of the Thracians*, Aug. 8, 1998 - Oct. 11, 1998, 75 Tea Garden Dr. S.F., 415/750-3614

GALLERY Q, American Artist Bob Freemark, thru Feb. 1, 1808 Del Paso Blvd., 929-7090

MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, Lynn Criswell, Livia Stein, Ann Weber, thru Feb. 14, 1020 10th St., 448-8723

K-ZEE'S FRAMING 7 GALLERY, "Bent & Twisted", Wayne Kern, thru Jan. 23, 498-9212

MATRIX GALLERY, Exhibition of Pamina Traylor & Regina Held, thru Jan. 31, 1518 Del Paso Blvd., 923-9118

MIDTOWN FRAMING & GALLERY, "Two Views Of Sculpture", Bronze & wood by Richard Cummings & Don Monzon, 2504 J St., 447-7558

MUMS RESTAURANT, Drawings & Paintings by Cori Kelly & Penelope E. Clement, "From The Heart" by Carol Stensrud, Feb. 4 - Mar. 16, 2968 Freeport Blvd., 444-3015

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, "The Power Of Suggestion", thru Jan. 26, 1997, 250 South Grand Ave. Los Angeles, 213/626-6222

MASTER CALENDAR

Aspen Gay Ski Week, Colorado, 800/984-8863,	Jan. 25 - Feb. 1, 1997
National Black L/G Leadership Forum 10th Anniv. Conference,	Feb. 13 - 17, 1997
Int'l Bear Rendezvous, S.F., 415/541-5000,	Feb. 21 - 24, 1997
Paulette Jacobson's 50th Birthday Party For Lesbian Breast Cancer,	Feb. 22 & 23, 1997
SWING (Skiing With Int'l Gays), Swiss Alps, Write: Wagnerswag 8 8810 Horgen Switzerland,	Apr. 4 - 6, 1997
MoonSisters Drum Camp, Sausalito California, 510/547-8386,	Apr. 12 & 13, 1997
Sac. Men's Chorus Spring Concert, 484-4166,	Apr. 24, 1997
Sac. AIDS Foundation Academy Awards Gala, 448-2437,	Apr. 26, 1997
AIDS Dance-O-Rama, 863-3727,	May 3-Jun. 1, 1997
Bay Area Regional Gay Rodeo, 415/985-5200,	May 23 - 26, 1997
Stockton West, S.F., 415/273-5979,	Jun. 7, 1997
Sacramento's G/L Political Committee Dinner,	Jun. 14, 1997
Lambda Freedom Fair, 442-0185,	Jun. 14, 1997
Sac. Men's Chorus Pride Concert, 484-4166,	Jun. 21, 1997
AIDS Day Of Compassion,	Jun. 22, 1997
Gay Freedom Day Parade, S.F., 415/864-FREE,	Jun. 28 - 29, 1997
Gay Freedom Day Celebration, L.A., 213/656-6553,	Jul. 11 - 13, 1997
Gay Square Dance Convention, Las Vegas, 800/835-6462,	Jul. 20 - 25, 1997
UFMCC General Conference, Sydney, Australia,	Jul. 26 - 30
NGLHA's Annual Health Conference and AIDS Forum, Atlanta,	

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Archives

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Announcements

Traffic School

Finally A Gay & Lesbian Comedy Traffic School. Includes 4 tickets to the Punchline Comedy Club. Serving Sacramento for over 8 years. Thanks for supporting our community. 1-800-GAY-4-YOU.

Hate Crimes

Have you been the victim of a hate crime? Call 442-0185.

Do You Like to Play on Computers?

Want to contribute to the g/l community? MGW Newspaper is looking for volunteers to help with phones, envelope stuffing, filing, computer inputting, painting, errands, customer service at front counter, writing, photography, 441-6397.

Can You Write?

Do you like to read & write? MGW receives books from publishers on all subjects: love stories, religious, children's, political, entertainment, biographies, art, health, cookbooks. You keep the book! 441-6397.

Working Pets

Pets: do you take your pet with you to work? MGW Newspaper would like to feature you and your pet. 441-6397.

Employment

Graphic Designer Wanted

Are you a frustrated IBM Clone, Windows based Graphic Designer discriminated against by a predominantly Mac/Quark world? Then call MGW Newspaper. We are currently looking for an energetic self starter who is comfortable with either the Windows 3.1 or Windows 95 environment. Pagemaker, CorelDraw, and Photoshop a must. We have

a completely self-contained system with 1200 dpi color scanner and 11x17 1200 dpi printer. Other software and basic knowledge of traditional paste-up a +. Call (916) 441-6397 or Fax resume to (916) 441-6422. Some training available.

Editor

The Lesbian News is looking for an Editor with excellent writing skills and the ability to meet strict deadlines. We need a team player who will take responsibility for maintaining a high editorial standard, and who has the vision to grow with the publication. Flexible working hours. Understanding of publishing a must. Own transport essential. Please send your resume with contactable references and salary requirements to: PO Box 55, Torrance, CA 90507

Account Executives

MGW/DGW Newspaper is accepting employment applications for Account Executives. Applicants must enjoy talking to business owners, be neat in appearance, possess transportation. Newspaper, telemarketing, or graphic design experience helpful. If you would like an exciting career that is constantly changing call 441-6397.

Comedians & Funny People

Comedians & funny people wanted! \$10 + per an hour teaching California's only Gay & Lesbian Comedy Traffic School. Call Jamie at 1-800-GAY-4-YOU. For Sacramento, Santa Cruz and San Francisco.

College Students

College Internships available at MGW Newspaper in graphics, reporting, photography, computers, ad sales, public relations, financial and artist! Units given in 195/199 or 295/299. Contact your advisor in your department and call Linda, 441-6397.

Traffic School Instruction

Teach Traffic School and be paid \$100/day! Fun. Lively. Gay! Must have teaching experience. Call 448-7418.

For Rent

Cottage Office

Small Cottage with bath. 200 sq. ft. Great for an artist, writer, someone that needs a "space" cottage. This cottage is not a live-in situation. \$200 plus deposit, etc. Land Park area. Linda, 441-6397

Beautiful Apt

Beautiful roomy one bedroom apartment in quiet downtown neighborhood. Close to park and public transportation. Come and see it at 802 1/2 U Street then call 446-4673 \$400 a month

Cozy Trailer

For rent on 10 acres of woman's land. Garden

to your heart's delight! Relax in the swimmin' hole. Between Auburn and Grass Valley. \$300 Franny, Sue 268-9229

Two Units Available

Gay owned four unit apt. bldg. Two units available. Downtown, near bus/literail/free-way. Sunny, secure, carpeted one bedroom with dining room. \$465 or \$425 per month plus deposit. Call 443-2913

Apartments & Houses

Apartments and houses for rent, many in Midtown Sacramento. Come by our office 24 hours a day for a list, 1808 Q Street Suite C, Whisler Land Company, 448-1999.

For Rent

Beautiful 2/bd/2ba home on quiet cul-de-sac. Family room lg patio/bg yard, spa w/gaze. New upgraded flooring pets nego. Must see. \$695 923-5254

Home for Rent

Penryn Area, rural setting, cozy 1 bdrm + patio overlooks year-round stream. Detached 2-car garage w/elec.openers. \$700/month 663-3683, leave message.

Large House For Rent

Charming 1940's house, 2 story, 4 bedroom, 2 bath w/spa, 2000 sq. ft. Hagginswood, Area 2. Light rail and bus lines. Available 2/1/97 \$875.00 + deposit, 978-0520

Country Living

Country living close in. Cottage on ranchette in Elk Grove area. 1 bdrm, ba, kit., dining and office areas, living rm, wash/dry, a/c, private fenced yard, pool etc. Pet OK. GW men on premises. \$500 682-8912

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Small 1-desk office inside MGW News for rent. Great for a consultant, graphic artist, etc. Not situation where customers can be received. \$200. 441-6397

For Sale

Desks

Two office 6 drawer desks. Brown, Good condition. \$50 ea. 441-6397

Freebies

Phone Systems

We have two phone systems. Each have 4-5 phones each. Free to a non-profit. MGW, 1725 L Street At 18th.

Miscellaneous

Bakersfield Gays Wanted

Do you know anyone in the Bakersfield area? I have a friend living in Bakersfield and she's desperate to find some lesbians and gay men to socialize with. Mary is 35, a business owner, into horses, and lots of fun! Call me if you know any coupled or single people and I'll get them together. Linda Birner, 441-6397

Free flights for cancer patients to/from recognized treatment centers. Corporate Angel Network uses empty seats on corporate business flights. 914/328-1313.

Rainbow Decals & Stickers AIDS Ribbons \$1 each, MGW Newspaper Office, L @ 18th St.

Roommates

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Room with bath in quaint, lovely Victorian home with lesbian. W/D, fireplace, separate phone line, office space, large garden, deck \$300 + half utilities. 454-2896

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Roseville Area Female to share 3br/2bth quiet, clean fully furnished home with private room, bath, yard, fireplace and laundry. Professional or student NS/ND \$325/mo. + half utilities (916) 784-0713

Carmichael Roommates

Master bedroom for rent. Clean Carmichael duplex. Yard, garage, M/F, non-smoker, 300/mo + deposit. Half utilities, call Ray 485-9744

Roommates for Midtown

Roommate sought in midtown. I need to rent a room for up to two months. Midtown area. Can afford \$50-\$75 per week plus utilities.

I'm 32 and employed. Dove: 733-2160 x1/15

Services

Recovery

Alcoholics Anonymous, North Hall, 2015 J St., #32. Nightly meetings 8pm, Dan 486-0331 or Karla 568-6714.

Massage

90 minutes, man-to-man erotic ecstasy! Massage : private, cheap, 7 days. Call now! 920-3623

Rent - A - Man

Strong big hands for massage and/or odd jobs. Need Help. Larry 889-5611

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Make yourself number one priority on 1997's year list. Give yourself a session for the mind, spirit and sensual whole body therapy. Call Sweet Daddy (641-7034) A giving and receiving.

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Vacation Rentals

Edgewater Resort

Upcoming Events: Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-off, Kid's Club Med, Wild Men's Weekend 1, Mom's Club Med, & Wild Women's Weekend 2. YEAH! Call for details, 1-800-396-6224.

Clear Lake

Trade? Will trade vacation home for yours for week or weekend. Sleeps 6, on Clearlake, pier and boat ramp. Fully equipped. 753-0424.

Volunteer

MGW wants You!

Have too much free time on your hands? Tired of hanging out in environments that are too 'straight and narrow'? MGW is looking for responsible volunteers to help out in the office during weekdays. Come on in and join the fun! 441-6396.

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Old cameras wanted for decorating MGW offices. 441-6397.

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Women owned espresso cafe looking for counter help experience preferred. 20 Hrs/week, 3 mornings per week 5 am-9am, Saturdays 6am - 2pm. Apply in person - 6494 Broadway, Sacto

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These businesses do not support you, so you might choose not to support them!!!

Raley's:

President Charles L. Collings is on the Board of the Family Research Institute (Paul Cameron's scientists group) with Lou Sheldon's Traditional Family Values. During Sacramento County hearings several years ago regarding AIDS, they testified against having gays work for them.

Burger King:

National owner has donated large sums to anti-gay and fundamentalist far right religious zealots. Local owner Joe Lal destroyed Sac. News & Review's papers and newsstands in 1994 because of Gay & Lesbian personal ads.

Carl's Jr.:

Owner Karl Karcher has donated large sums to anti-gay causes.

Curran, Hitomi

Marketing Agency:

Owner Marilyn Curran wrote to MGW and demanded to be taken off the PR mailing list. MGW routinely mails copies of the newspaper to all ad agencies.

Calvary

Christian Center:

Rev. Phillip G. Goudeaux is active in hate with Rev. Lou Sheldon.

Lithographics:

16th & J St. Owner refused to work with Joan Greenfield's First Blush Lesbian Greeting Cards.

Capitol

Christian Center:

Rev. Glen Cole's son, Rev. Rick Cole has taken over the pulpit. The church stands in the ranks with Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition.

Call MGW NEWSPAPER if you have evidence of other local and national businesses that have discriminated against gay and lesbians.



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MEN SEEKING MEN

Ciao Bella Mr. Butch

Goodlooking Brn/Brn GWM, 25, 6'1", 180, seeking GHM/GWM for fun or relationship? Into history, art, romance, cuddling, documentaries. Seeking dominant mate, that likes to love. Must be 35 or younger. Must be attractive. (3/1) **01692**

Short But Sweet

Attractive GWM Mid-Forties nice Bod great personality. 5'6", 140 lbs. WLTm stable GWM under 50 with good values for friendship/Poss LTR. UB in shape. Fairly attractive Masculine. (1/15) **01669**

Cool Non-Scene Guys

Masculine. Muscles. Good Shape. Like Asians, Latins, Mid East. Me 6'3", 180 Workout. Masculine. Cute 30's. Prefer 21-30. For fun time. Maybe More. (1/15) **01670**

It Could Work!

Attractive, teenage-looking BiWM, 25yo, 135lbs, 5'9", short brn/grn, straight acting. Value affection/friendship over sex. Seeking slender, non-femme, cool younger WM under 24 to hang with/date, maybe more later. Curious ok. Enjoy outdoors, dancing and more. Citrus Heights area. (1/30) **01676**

Country Man

GWM looking for same. I am handsome, versatile, (mild to wild) fun, horse, large dog and more. (2/15) **01687**

Seeking young guys

Looking for young men 18-25 who like dating older men. Me: 41 GWM. WLTm young men who are tall. thin. have long hair, and are well-endowed. You be willing to meet and do serious playing around. (1/30) **01677**

7 is Heaven

Kidnap me. Take me hostage. Latin, attractive, 5'8", 150lbs college student with Brn/brn, ht/wt proportionate, works out. Looking for male ht/wt proportionate age 21-27 SCC-CSUS student to share warm quiet evenings at home. Maybe LTR. Goatees ok 2! (2/15) **01686**

Inexperienced 20yo gwm

I'm 5'11", 175lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, Hiv-. I enjoy working on cars and playing full contact sports. I'm seeking an attractive, Hiv-, GWM who enjoys spending time with men in their own age group. (1/30) **01672**

Seeking Quality man

Sincere GWM, 6'2", 185lbs, 33, blond/blue, professional is seeking another quality guy who's tired of the games and is looking for more than one-nighters. I'm outgoing, adventurous, & romantic. If interested, be daring and call. (1/30) **01673**

It's Time...

I've been living alone too many years. Need a buddy to share the everyday and special things. Me: 45yo, 5'9", 170lbs, red hair, blue eyes, beard & moustache. You: 35-50, any race. Height, weight proportionate. (1/30) **01674**

PROFESSIONAL YOUNG MAN

Sexy bodybuilder, very attractive, seeks stable, secure, straight-acting young guy for LTR. Must be not-your-average gay. I am athletically masculine. You be too. You like movies, walks, coffee shops, the Zone, and sports. You have swimmer's build. (1/30) **01678**

Young Hispanic

BiWM 35, young thinking & acting, would like to give relaxing massage to 18-22 HM. Friendship also. You teach me spanish too. (1/30) **01679**

SWM

SW Male, goodlooking (40), 5'7", 170lbs. Living in Bush Alaska, looking for same (25-40), Hiv-, similar interests of dog sled racing, fishing, hunting, writing, Arctic tundra, and lifestyle. (2/15) **01684**

Big Gentle Bear

GWM, 40, 6', 260lbs, stocky & strong, overeducated white guy seeks creative, playful, handsome & fun loving GM's & BiM's for mutual pleasure, friendship, and possible relationship. (2/15) **01685**

Hold Hands

Share a sweet GWM, early 40's look young 30's, 200 solid/stocky Libs, 5'11", bearded, masculine, brwn/blu looking to meet Bi/GWM 20-40 who enjoys music, laughter, good food, life. Seeking men in Auburn, Sac, Placerville area. UB, NS, stable, employed, masculine-straight OK 3/1 **01694**

GWM 31

WLTm young black boys 18-30. UB tall, big in size and serious minded in meeting and playing. Serious callers only. Me 31 GWM and very willing. 3/1 **01690**

Old and Handy

GWM 50, masculine, furry, good-looking, good shape, and adventuresome. WLTm other masculine, experienced men my age or older. For mutual exploration. Couples at. (1/30) **01681**

LESBIANS SEEKING LESBIANS

Beautiful Sista's

Thick GBF seeks submissive feminine woman between ages 19-32 no games and no boyfriends a must!! I'm clean, open minded and with great sense of humor. So don't let this one pass you by ladies!! (1/15) **01666**

Dykes W/Dogs-Lez' Play

Is your dog lonely for others of Lez kind? Well then, call Waldo & Karen to party in the park, etc. Evenings. (1/15) **01667**

Looking For Love

Looking for love in all the wrong places? Old cliché? You or me? SAF, 40ish, looking for adventure, honesty sincerity and intelligence. Is that too much to ask? Tell me you exist. (3/1) **01693**

Hey, Legal Professional in the Mountains!

Where are you? Saw your ad too late. 'Im SGWF, 36, 116lbs., 5'6", BRN/BRN, soft & sensitive yet strong, intelligent, honest, adventurous and have a good sense of humor. Love the mountains, outdoors, xc & downhill skiing, theater, concerts, movies, romance, travel. Financially & emotionally stable. NS/ND/LA. Call Me (1/15) **01668**

No Fear

Handsome, Intense, Monogamous BF 37, 5'5", Intelligent, professional. Searching for feminine, secure lady RACE unimportant. Enjoy sports, movies, reading, Stimulating conversation, music. Not Intimidated by public opinion. LTR. (1/15) **01665**

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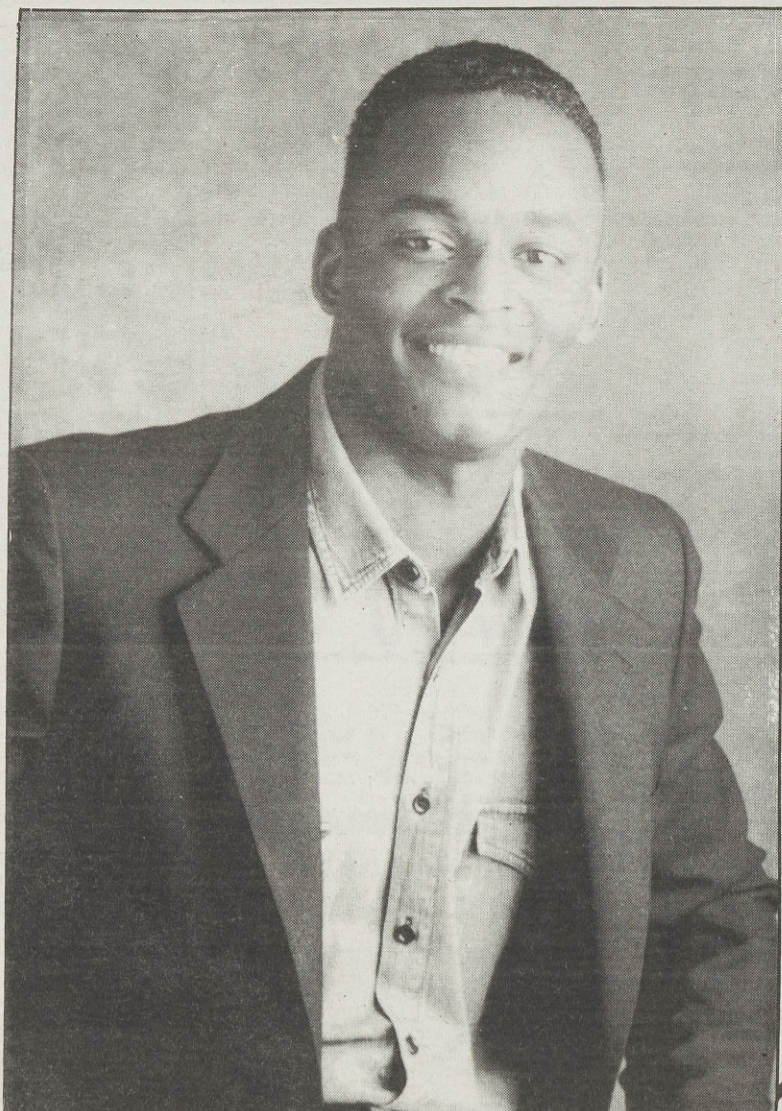
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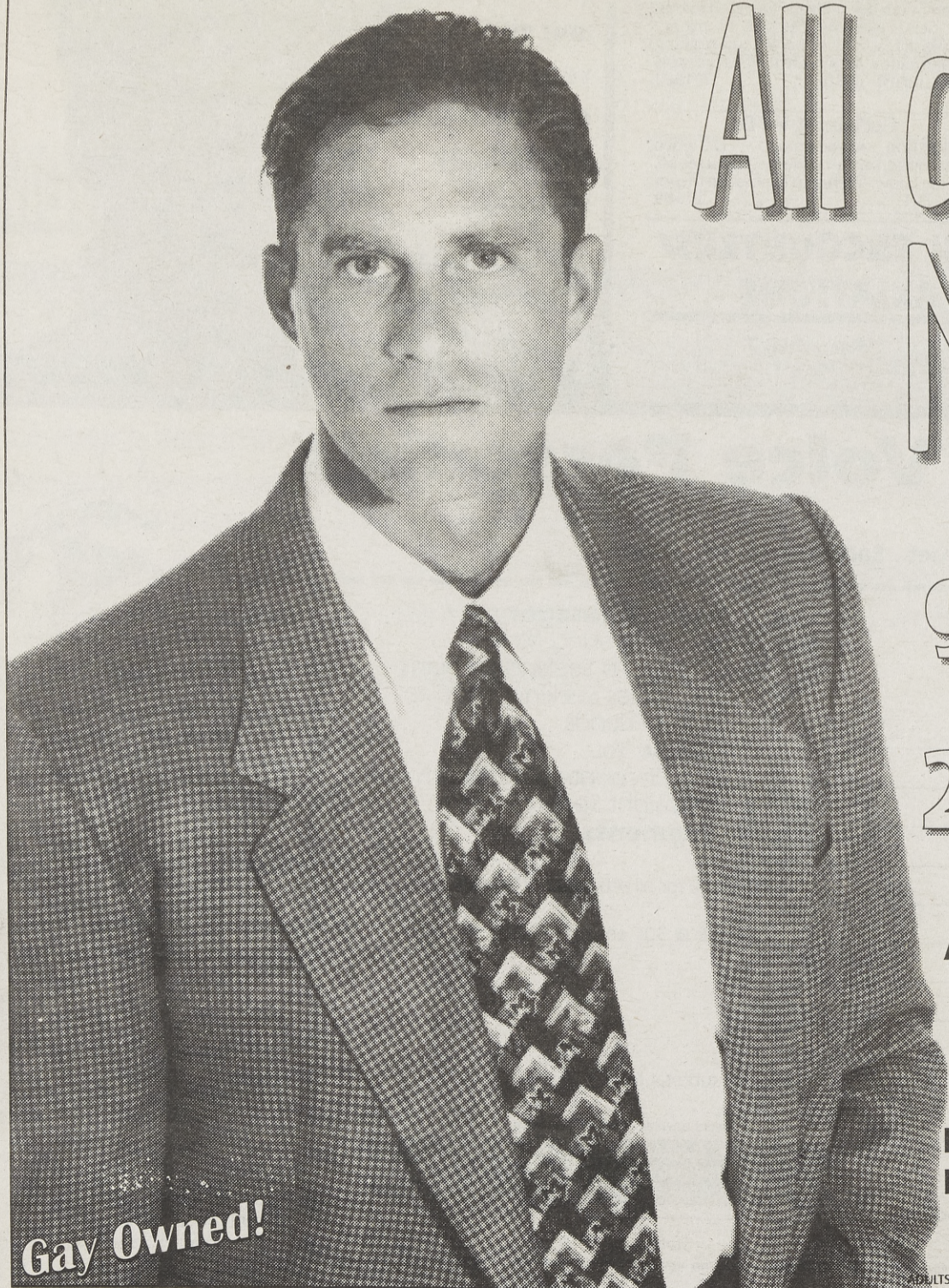


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